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# REALITY KILLED THE TIKTOK STAR

## Mamdani’s campaign promises falling short

He was praised as the second coming on socialist social media, but Mayor Mamdani’s promises are facing hard reality. He admitted this week he can’t legally arrest Benjamin Netanyahu, after not being able to tax the rich or fund free buses.

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# Quit ‘bug’ging me

LEGIONELLA

## Mam: Got Le’naires’ in check

Julie Menin
Speaker

**AT ODDS:** City Council Speaker Julie Menin says she has gotten a flood of calls from people worried about the spread of Legionnaires’ disease, but Mayor Mamdani says it’s under control.

James Messerschmidt

By MATTHEW FISCHETTI

Mayor Mamdani insisted the Legionnaires’ outbreak was under control Wednesday as he faced mounting questions over his administration’s response while the death toll climbed to five with more than 80 people becoming infected.

“I’m frankly less interested in the politics of it all, more in the public health of it,” Mamdani quipped during an unrelated press conference after being asked about City Council Speaker Julie Menin’s criticism of his Department of Health’s handling of the outbreak in a recent op-ed for The Post.

Families of the five New Yorkers who died and the 82 who were sickened “deserve … real answers” from City Hall, Menin fumed.

She charged that DOH officials “failed New York” by not proactively disinfecting cooling towers on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, where the cluster of cases has spread.

The flu-like illness is caused by breathing in mist or water drops with Legionella bacteria, and can lead to severe lung infections that can be more dangerous for the elderly, smokers and those with weakened immune systems.

Health Commissioner Dr. Alister Martin said the city thinks it has “eliminated” the origin of the outbreak by treating cooling towers in the Upper East Side cluster area. But officials have yet to publicly identify the source, saying DNA sequencing is still pending.

DOH officials said that of those infected since the outbreak started on the Upper East Side last month, 21 people currently have the disease and eight more remain hospitalized.

### Listening to the pros

“There has been no one with new symptoms reported in more than 10 days and no new diagnoses in a week,” Martin said.

Mamdani defended his approach, saying that public health experts told him that pre-emptively disinfecting could hurt the city’s ability to mitigate high-risk cooling towers and could weaken their ability to protect against the disease in the future. Overusing disinfectants can cause corrosion and damage the equipment as well potentially disrupting cooling systems during the summer heat.

“We want this to be a city where it’s clear that the guidance, the actions, the information that we share with New Yorkers — it’s not without any political incentive in mind, but rather a public health incentive,” Mamdani insisted.

But Menin, a Manhattan Democrat, said her office has heard from hundreds of New Yorkers worried about the health and safety of their families and neighbors since the outbreak began.

She has called for “the most rapid and robust public health response possible,” a spokesperson said in a statement.

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# Share ride biz is a toll ‘evader’

An unlicensed rideshare company may be ducking tens of millions of dollars in Manhattan congestion tolls — and it’s time for that to end, a top city official said.

City Council Democratic Majority Leader Shaun Abreu is calling on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to probe discount rideshare company Empower, which hasn’t been paying the toll to enter Midtown Manhattan that rivals like Uber and Lyft pay and bake into their trip costs.

Taxis and livery vehicles pay for each trip into the congestion zone, while regular vehicles pay once — and Empower has allegedly been ditching tolls by operating without a city license.

“Yellow taxis and licensed for-hire vehicle companies collect these charges from their passengers,” Abreu wrote MTA Chair Janno Lieber on Tuesday.

“Empower, however, appears to be offering rides without collecting either the state congestion surcharge or the MTA’s Congestion Relief Zone toll,” said Abreu.

Lieber claimed the MTA has been trying to recoup the lost fees from Empower.

“They’re ripping off the public,” Lieber said at an unrelated press conference Wednesday. “We have to find a way to make sure if they found a loophole it has to be closed.”

But a spokesperson for Empower said the company has “repeatedly offered to facilitate the assessment and payment” of fees and been rebuffed. *Haley Brown*

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# Mega tax on Mega jackpots

Winner takes . . . some.

The Mega Millions jackpot has reached $743 million after Tuesday night's six-number draw failed to produce a match.

Despite the impressive jackpot amount, if a single winner matches the numbers in the upcoming Friday drawing, their take-home pay will be considerably less after taxes and deductions.

The winner will choose between having the $743 million disbursed over 30 annual installments or a lump-sum payment of $323.4 million.

Most winners choose to take the lump-sum payment, which in this case will be $245.8 million after mandatory 24% federal withholding is applied.

The cuts keep on cutting: Depending on the winner's overall taxable income, the prize money could be subject to a federal marginal rate as high as 37%, reducing the prize payout to roughly $203.7 million — before factoring in state taxes. *Reda Wigle*

# Boseman estate war

Chadwick Boseman's family members are feuding over his estate, nearly six years after his tragic death from colon cancer.

According to documents obtained by Page Six Tuesday, the "Black Panther" actor's older brothers, Derrick and Kevin Boseman, filed a lawsuit on behalf of their parents against Chadwick's widow, Taylor Simone Ledward.

The documents allege that Chadwick's wife had not distributed the estate — including more than $3.8 million in assets and cash — as ordered by a court in 2022. *Audrey Rock*

# FOUR OF A KIND IS STUNNING

**LOTTA TOTS:** Jenitar and Jortham Na'amoana and their four older children welcomed identical quadruplets this month in Queensland, Australia.

9 News Australia

## Very rare identical quadruplets born

By ADAM SILVERSTEIN

A 34-year-old Australian mother recently gave birth to a healthy and rare set of identical quadruplets conceived naturally — a phenomenon doctors say occurs about once every 15 million pregnancies.

Jenitar Na'amoana welcomed her "precious miracles" Emily, Harriet, Catherine and Alexa by cesarean section at 28 weeks and four days on July 14 at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in Herston, Queensland, the BBC reported.

Na'amoana and husband Jortham were taken by "immense surprise" when they learned they were expecting identical quadruplets despite not using fertility treatments.

The babies are monozygotic quadruplets, meaning they developed after a single fertilized egg split into four embryos.

The Brisbane couple are now parents of eight children after the birth, with their older kids ranging from 1 to 10 years old.

Dr. Alexa Bendall, who oversaw Na'amoana's care, said it was especially unusual that all four babies shared a single placenta.

"Identical quadruplets occur at one in every 15 million pregnancies, but to share the same placenta — this is unheard of," Bendall told the BBC.

### 'Dodged complications'

Na'amoana was admitted to the hospital at 25 weeks so doctors could closely monitor her and the babies because of the risks associated with the pregnancy.

Desa'amoana reached 28 weeks and four days without experiencing the major complications doctors had anticipated.

"We always said that if we could get her to 28 weeks, we would be doing well," Bendall said. "So the fact that we've got four beautiful, healthy babies born at 28 weeks and four days is incredible and we're very happy to be a part of it."

Na'amoana "has somehow dodged every complication and risk," Bendall said.

Na'amoana and her husband named one of the newborns Alexa in honor of Bendall. The doctor called the gesture "a beautiful tribute," the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

The newborns are expected to remain in the neonatal intensive care unit for several weeks while they continue to grow stronger.

Na'amoana later launched a GoFundMe campaign to help cover medical expenses and a larger van for the family of 10.

"Our four precious miracles have arrived safely," she wrote. "And while our hearts are overflowing with gratitude, the reality of caring for four newborns at once has brought challenges we never could have imagined."

As of Wednesday, the fundraiser had raised $85,519.

# THE RED APPLE

# Mayor slammed for Bibi tirade

Mayor Mamdani was accused of peddling Hamas propaganda by a prominent Jewish rights group, which lambasted his attacks on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a shameless "televised political spectacle."

In a video address aired on social media, Mamdani admitted he doesn't have the authority to arrest Netanyahu during his upcoming visit to New York, but still took the opportunity to brand Israel's leader a "war criminal" who is "not welcome" in the city.

International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu in November 2024 for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

"That is a profound misuse of the office entrusted to him by all New Yorkers," wrote the Simon Wiesenthal Center in a response to Hizzoner's address.

"After acknowledging that New York City has no independent legal authority to execute the International Criminal Court's arrest warrant, the mayor nevertheless chose to transform that legal reality into a televised political spectacle," continued the statement, which also slammed Mamdani for making no mention of Hamas or the Oct. 7 attacks.

The Israeli counsel general blasted Mamdani for "blood libels" against Israel.

"Mamdani's obsession with demonizing the only Jewish state is not only reckless, it's a dangerous precedent that is being set by him," the consulate said in a statement.

"This is another example of his antisemitic record and hostility towards Israel, and it disgraces the office he holds. He should start focusing on the people of his city instead of meddling in matters he doesn't understand.

"New Yorkers elected a mayor, not a prosecutor of foreign leaders," the statement concluded.

*Anthony Blair*

# New plan to push taxes

Zo him the money!

Mayor Mamdani is hatching plans for a months-long pressure campaign demanding a sweeping slate of state tax hikes — along with a renewed push to slap new levies on city property owners, The Post has learned.

The tax push will kick off with a rally after Labor Day to apply maximum pressure ahead of the 2027 state legislative session and as Gov. Hochul's re-election campaign enters its final stretch, according to sources with knowledge of City Hall's battle plans.

The sources revealed Mamdani wants Albany to deliver "tax the rich" victories on Day 1 of the next legislative session, with their in-the-works demands including a hike on the wealthy and an expanded corporate taxes.

He is also resurrecting his massively unpopular scheme to fill Big Apple coffers on the backs of homeowners, while attempting to reform the city's notoriously unfair property tax system.

"Property tax reform has been a third rail for mayor after mayor because it is essentially a massive tax increase for many black and brown homeowners," said a Democratic insider.

*Craig McCarthy and Matt Troutman*

# Rent freeze rigged: lawsuit

A coalition of city landlords launched a bid Wednesday to smack down Mayor Mamdani's rent freeze — calling it a rigged "sham" that relied on "manipulated data" in a new lawsuit.

The group sued the city's Rent Guidelines Board in Staten Island Supreme Court, challenging as "unlawful" the panel's June 25 decision to freeze rents on 1 million stabilized units for two years.

They claim the nine-member board skewed its own data, ignoring a slew of economic conditions to justify a "predetermined" and "irrational" result.

Mamdani, according to the filing, stacked the board with loyalists — and spent more than $5 million via his Office of Mass Engagement with a "goal of promoting the freeze outcome, not facilitating neutral civic engagement."

Mamdani has argued the board was independent. City Hall had no comment.

*Peter Senzamici and Craig McCarthy*

## A lot to be desired

**Mayor Mamdani has found implementing policy a whole lot more difficult than making promises on the campaign trail. Some of his failed proposals include:**

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| CAMPAIGN PROMISE | REALITY |
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| "My commitment is to make buses fast and free." | With projected loss revenue topping a massive $1 billion, the free bus program has gone nowhere. |
| Candidate Mamdani said the city would arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he visited New York; "This is something that I intend to fulfill," he said. | On Tuesday, Mamdani conceded the obvious, "it is clear that we do not have the independent legal authority to enforce this." |
| "Along with raising the corporate tax, I'm asking for a 2% personal income tax increase on the most affluent New Yorkers." | Neither the corporate nor personal income tax increases have happened. Gov. Hochul passed a pied-a-tierre tax on second homes, but has said she's not interested in further tax increases. |
| "At our stores, eggs will be cheaper. Bread will be cheaper. Grocery shopping will no longer be an unsolvable equation," and "We are going to use the power of government to lower prices and make it easier for New Yorkers to put food on the table." | Only two out of his five promised city-owned supermarkets have specific locations finalized, and the first one won't open till at least 2027. |
| Providing free, universal child care for kids as young as 6 weeks old. | With Hochul's help, he launched a phased four-year rollout of free childcare for 2-year-olds, but hasn't detailed a timeline for other age groups. |
| A $1 billion "community safety" program that would replace the NYPD on most 911 calls. | Only two staff members have been assigned to the program, and there are no plans to change how the police handle emergencies. |
| "I will freeze the rent." | By stacking the rent-stablization board, Mamdani did get a rent freeze, but a lawsuit filed by landlords Wednesday could undo it. |

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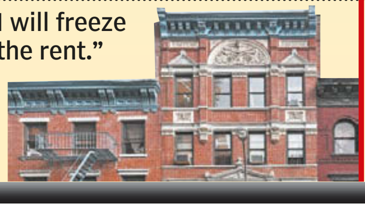


By MATTHEW FISCHETTI, CRAIG McCARTHY and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

Mayor Mamdani's carefully manicured online image took another hit this week when the lefty pol had to back down on his ridiculous vow to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — just the latest in a string of polished promises that failed the real-world test.

Free bus rides for all New Yorkers, a tax hike for the Big Apple's upper crust and cheaper groceries for everyone — all of them pie-in-the-sky campaign promises that have fizzled out of the gate.

Meanwhile, critics contend Mamdani is so fixated on ideological wars that he's forgetting the job he was hired to do — run the city.

"Mayor Mamdani knew that he does not have legal authority to arrest Prime Minister Netanyahu, yet he continues with his blood libels against Israel," the Israeli Consul General said in a statement. "He should start focusing on the people of his city instead of meddling in matters he doesn't understand."

The socialist mayor, who repeatedly harped on the Israeli leader on the campaign trail and in his curated online profiles, was finally forced to admit he doesn't have the juice to lock up Netanyahu when Bibi visits the city — but continues to flash his disdain for the Jewish state

Democratic insiders told The Post that Mamdani's online polish gives him a "get out of jail" free card — but it won't last if he doesn't follow through on his online persona.

## Waiting for the buses

Part of the Mamdani sales pitch was a vow "to make buses fast and free," but the estimated $1 billion price tag put the brakes on the idea right away and it has gone nowhere.

Mamdani said he would impose a corporate tax and a 2% personal income tax on "the most affluent New Yorkers," but neither has

# REALITY STAR? IT AIN'T SO, ZO

## Campaign vows are falling apart

**BIG TALK:** During his campaign for mayor, Zohran Mamdani made pledges including arresting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — and now, like many of his promises, he's discovering that he doesn't have the ability.

Erik Pendzich/Shutterstock

happened, with the controversial "pied-à-tierre tax' on second, non-residence homes coming the closest — and that came from Gov. Hochul.

Hizzoner also pitched a plan to open public, city-owned grocery stores in every borough to make essentials more affordable.

However, only two locations have been identified, and the first won't be stocking the shelves until 2027 at the earliest.

Mamdani also promised a $1 billion "community safety" program that would replace the NYPD on most 911 calls, and yet only two staffers have been assigned and cops continue to respond to the calls.

He also said he would "freeze the rent," and while he stacked the rent-stabilization board with like-minded lefties, a lawsuit filed by landlords this week has cast doubt on that crusade.

The latest promise to fizzle is the unrealistic claim that he would have Netanyahu busted. Several of his other pledges are out of his direct authority as mayor, critics have argued — with the MTA in control of bus fares and the state in control of income tax hikes.

The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu in November 2024 for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity over the war in Gaza, and Mamdani bragged he would execute the warrant if the Israeli prime minister set foot in the five boroughs — which is about to happen.

But in a typically polished social-media video earlier this week, Mamdani admitted he doesn't have the authority to pull it off — even while he continues to dabble in what he himself described as "universal politics."

### Playing to his base

Democratic operative Ken Frydman said Mamdani knew he couldn't have Netanyahu arrested "before he floated the idea."

"Unfortunately, that threat plays politically to his far-left base. So it was worth it to him to float it," Frydman argued.

Meanwhile, a fifth New Yorker has died from a troubling outbreak of Legionnaires' disease on the Upper East Side that has infected dozens of people, with city lawmakers blasting the mayor for not acting.

On Tuesday, City Council Speaker Julie Menin unveiled a bill that calls for stepped up efforts to address the deadly outbreak — and slams City Hall for not doing enough, particulary after a similar outbreak in Harlem last year killed five people.

"Public health depends on public trust — and public trust depends on timely, transparent communication and action," Menin wrote in an op-ed in The Post. "This outbreak exposed a dangerous gap between what our laws require and how the city executes them."

Veteran Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf said that's where Mamdani needed to focus — not on an international debate over Israel.

"Legionnaires' disease knocks off Manhattanites, and the best this guy can do is to pretend he's got powers that he doesn't," Sheinkopf said.

Still, supporters said they stand behind their man. "Have to give the guy one or two years," said Jose Bayona, CEO of Grassroots Strategies and executive director of the mayor's Office of Ethnic and Community Media.

## House subpoena vs. lefty groups

# Fed heat on radical nonprofits

Getty Images

**'SUBVERSIVE' MILLIONS:** Marxist millionaire Neville Roy Singham and wife Jodie Evans have been funding "subversive" leftist nonprofits.

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — A powerful House panel subpoenaed three far-left nonprofits Wednesday as part of a sweeping review of Shanghai-based Marxist millionaire Neville Roy Singham's network of subversive groups in the US.

The House Ways and Means Committee is probing the path of $39 million disbursed from Singham to the People's Forum, lefty media outlet BreakThrough News, and Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research.

Fox News Digital first reported on the subpoenas.

Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith (R-Mo.) ripped the three groups for failing to cough up a "single responsive document" in response to the committee's prior requests for information.

Smith's team is concerned about the network's potential roles in money laundering, amplifying Communist propaganda and pushing political violence.

"Your responses have failed to include a single responsive document and misrepresented both the scope and purpose of the Committee's oversight," Smith wrote to each subpoena target. "Accordingly, the committee is invoking compulsory process to obtain the requested materials."

The Ways and Means Committee has sought information about the groups' communications with Singham as well as contacts with foreign donors or interests.

In his subpoenas, Smith alleged that Singham and his wife, Code Pink co-founder Jodie Evans, established a network of shell companies and donor-advised funds to funnel money into the US in ways that raise "significant concerns regarding foreign influence over a tax-exempt organization."

### $hell companies

Whether Singham pushed the $39 million through the shell company network before it was received by the three subpoenaed groups is the question the House panel is looking at.

"The committee is examining whether existing standards governing tax-exempt status adequately account for foreign funding that reaches an organization indirectly through intermediary entities and donor-advised funds that, by design, obscure the original source of the contribution," Smith wrote.

Singham is believed to have funneled $22.4 million to People's Forum, $16.8 million to Tricontinental and almost $1.1 million to Breakthrough BT Media Inc., according to a March Fox News Digital report that triggered the Ways and Means probe.

Underpinning the investigation is the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which requires lobbyists for foreign interests to register with the Justice Department.

All three organizations have argued that the House probe tramples their First Amendment rights.

Last month, The Post and other outlets revealed that a Manhattan federal grand jury is investigating the Singham network for possible financial crimes.

Singham, 72, was born in Connecticut and sold his software firm ThoughtWorks for an estimated $785 million in 2017.

Evans' Code Pink, meanwhile, is infamous on Capitol Hill for leading protests that disrupt congressional hearings.

## SocSec number 'fraud'

WASHINGTON — President Trump's IRS chief revealed that a scrub of the Social Security number database has found 10% of recipients were erroneously listed — and some fraudsters bilking taxpayers for the benefits have since been referred to the DOJ for investigation.

IRS Commissioner Frank Bisignano told Steve Bannon on his "War Room" show that the payments amounted to as much as $30 million, though not all that money went out the door.

"We found over a 10% error rate," Bisignano said. "They had a live Social Security number that could be used for fraud, waste and abuse.

"They weren't necessarily even collecting Social Security benefits, but they had a live Social Security [number] that was being used for other purposes throughout the government," he added.

"Under Commissioner Bisignano's leadership, SSA for the first time is reconciling our books and records, making sure the Social Security number database is the most accurate count, in real-time, as possible," a senior official close to SSA and IRS operations told The Post.

"This intakes data from births, from the Death Master File, from DHS [Department of Homeland Security] on noncitizens, and other sources, makes our payments more accurate and avoids fraud and other improper payments."

*Josh Christenson*

## 20% of voters on Red alert

Red-Dem-ption.

Just 20% of Americans believe communism poses a "major threat" in the US, a bombshell new poll has found.

But as the 2028 presidential election approaches, a significant number of voters see two of the most high-profile potential Democratic candidates as "socialists."

Two-thirds of Americans believe communists pose at least some threat to the nation, according to a poll published Tuesday by the Economist and YouGov.

One in five would classify potential 2028 candidate Gavin Newsom as a socialist and more than a quarter would classify possible 2028 hopeful Kamala Harris that way.

Mayor Mamdani was viewed as a socialist by 51% of the adult population, just shy of the 55% who think the same of veteran Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

*Anthony Blair*

## 'Let BB-*see* Don's books'

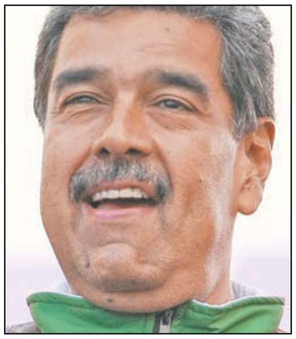
President Trump must make detailed information about his finances available to attorneys for the BBC in his $10 billion defamation lawsuit against the venerable UK broadcaster, a Miami judge ruled Tuesday.

The president had accused the BBC of defaming him by deceptively editing his speech at the Ellipse on Jan. 6, 2021, ahead of the Capitol riot that delayed the official count of Joe Biden's victory, as part of a broadcast that aired days before the 2024 election.

The initial complaint, filed in December, argued that the broadcast injured Trump's " business and personal reputation."

On Tuesday, US Magistrate Judge Enjoliqué Lett ruled that Trump had to back those claims up, saying "all of President Trump's brand, properties and businesses are impugned or said to have been impugned."

*Samuel Chamberlain*



**NICOLAS MADURO**
Charged with his wife.

# Maduro trial set for June

Ousted Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro's narcoterrorism trial will start next June 1 in Manhattan, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

District Judge Alvin Hellerstein set the trial date for the fallen leader, 63, and his wife, Cilia Flores, 69, at the couple's third court appearance since US Special Forces captured them in a January raid at their heavily fortified Caracas compound.

The Maduros are charged with working with drug cartels to ship thousands of tons of cocaine into the US between 1999 and 2025.

Maduro, who appeared slimmed down while sporting glasses in court, is charged with working with "terror" groups, and both are charged with possessing machine guns.

The deposed despot is expected to claim his case should be tossed because international law says sitting heads of state cannot be prosecuted by a foreign government's courts, a Justice Department source previously told The Post.

Maduro's motion to throw out the case is due Sept. 2, with the government's response due a month later, the judge ruled Wednesday.

*Ben Kochman*
*and Kyle Schnitzer*

# POKER SMOKER

**STAKES GET HIGHER:** Poker guy Andrew Lam is being sued by his condo for smoking weed among other allegations.

Poker VN

## Neighbors fuming at 'pothead'

By LAUREN ELKIES SCHRAM

A seemingly entitled poker-playing 22-year-old is taking living the high life a little too literally.

Alleged pothead Chau Shing Lam, who also goes by Andrew Lam, has been smoking cigarettes and weed at all hours of the day and night and burning up his Kips Bay neighbors' patience, according to a Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit.

Lam, a serious poker player, paid $4.15 million in 2022 for a condominium unit in the luxury 368 Third Avenue building — which has always had a clear non-smoking policy.

Hoping to finally nip his "near-daily" weed habit in the bud, the board at the condominium — where a penthouse is currently listed for $8.7 million — is suing the high-flying resident, who was burned for $87,000 in fines, court records obtained by The Post show.

Lam, the owner of unit 31B, has allegedly been lighting up pot and tobacco at all hours and sending "noxious smoke" wafting through hallways and into neighboring homes.

### Secondhand risk

The secondhand fumes are allegedly seeping into the bedroom of a 12-year-old child battling a severe respiratory condition. The kid in unit 31A, "has been diagnosed with reactive airway dysfunction syndrome, a serious respiratory condition that is directly exacerbated by exposure to secondhand smoke," court documents state. The child's father is a practicing physician.

The lawsuit asks a judge to declare Lam, who didn't respond to an emailed request for comment, in breach of building rules. To make matters worse, Lam allegedly throws late-night ragers complete with "loud banging, running around and yelling." And there is "loud, incessant dog barking" coming from his unit, according to court documents.

Despite neighbor complaints, 16 board violation letters over a roughly two-year period, "escalating fines," suspension of amenity privileges and staff attempts to speak to Lam about the issues, the stubborn smoker refused to change his ways.

On Nov. 4, 2024, the board levied a fine of $1,000 against Lam, plus legal fees. He was prohibited from using the building's amenities including the laundry room, gym, common roof terrace, residents' storage rooms, the media room and party room and bike storage room for 30 days.

### Barking dog

That same month, a separate complaint about smoke and a barking dog gave him another $500 fine and a 30-day amenity ban. The board also stripped Lam of "non-essential services." Guests, delivery workers and service people were strictly barred past the concierge desk unless Lam personally escorted them. Doormen were forbidden from calling up to announce arrivals or holding packages other than standard US mail, while all routine unit repairs — except for building emergencies — were suspended. In total, Lam's habit cost him $87,250 in penalties, which were applied to his monthly common charges statements.

On Monday, pending the outcome of the case, the court ordered Lam to cease lighting up in his apartment, on the balcony or in common areas.

Lam acquired Unit 31B in 2022, per records. He is an avid poker player who has competed in international tournaments in Monte Carlo, Paris and Barcelona, earning hundreds of thousands of dollars in winnings.

# Fla. mom drowns saving son

A heroic Florida mother of six drowned saving her 4-year-old son after he fell into a river, police and her heartbroken children said.

Nicole Grayson, 43, jumped into the St. Johns River on Saturday at a park near DeLand to rescue the boy, who fell in while leaning over a low wooden fence to get a toy that had fallen into the water, according to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

A boater who heard Grayson's cries rushed over and pulled the boy out as Grayson slipped below the surface.

He eventually was able to get her aboard and another person performed CPR, but she later died at a hospital.

"I love my mom," Grayson's devastated son, Koron, 9, who was at the park that day, told WESH.

*Patrick Reilly*

# 3 knifed outside Applebee's

Three men waiting for a table outside the Applebee's near Times Square late Tuesday were attacked by a blade-wielding stranger, police said.

The victims were at the restaurant at West 50th Street and Seventh Avenue at around 10:30 p.m., when a man approached and started arguing with one of them, according to police.

A 24-year-old suffered a stab wound to the torso and a cut on his leg, a 26-year-old had cuts on both of his hands and left leg, and the third man was also slashed on his left leg, cops said.

They were taken by EMS to Bellevue Hospital in stable condition, cops said.

Breshan Watson, 24, of The Bronx, was charged, police said.

It was not clear what sparked the dispute.

*Joe Marino, Patrick Reilly*
*and Amanda Woods*

# Don: Civilian targets next

By RYAN KING
and CAITLIN DOORNBOS

WASHINGTON — President Trump announced a new red line against Iran on Wednesday, vowing to obliterate critical civilian infrastructure in the Islamic Republic for every attack against vessels in the Strait of Hormuz — prompting Iranian state media to declare it was ready to set American troops "on fire" and "punish their regional partners forever."

"From this point forward, any time the Islamic Republic of Iran shoots at a ship in the Strait of Hormuz, whether it be by Missile, Rocket, Drone, or any other device or weapon, the United States will bomb and destroy ONE BRIDGE OR POWER PLANT, including those located next to, or in, the Capital City of Tehran," Trump proclaimed on Truth Social.

Iran swiftly fired back through state-affiliated media.

"If the Americans attack a bridge or power station in Iran, we will respond by striking infrastructure and bridges in the region, including energy facilities in which the United States has interests," an Iranian military source told the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-linked Tasnim News.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi added Tehran's "defense doctrine is clear: eye for an eye."

But Secretary of State Marco Rubio argued Tuesday that allowing Iran to hold hostage the Strait of Hormuz could encourage other countries to do the same with similar critical waterways, pledging the US would continue degrading Tehran's ability to threaten maritime traffic.

"If we create a precedent in the Middle East where a nation-state can decide that they are going to control an international waterway, charge a toll, and if you don't pay them, blow up your ships, we have created a very dangerous precedent which will repeat itself in other parts of the world, including in this region," Rubio said Wednesday.

## Saudi nuclear deal OK'd

President Trump approved a nuclear deal with Saudi Arabia that could lead to the Middle Eastern kingdom enriching its own uranium, the administration announced.

Energy Secretary Chris Wright and Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman formally signed the pact on Wednesday and it will now be submitted to Congress for approval.

The deal will be in effect through 2056 and be worth tens of billions of dollars. It will benefit American companies and meet Saudi energy needs, the administration said. *Emily Goodin*

## Eyeing nuke fortress

Iran's hidden fortress known as Pickaxe Mountain has become a prime target for President Trump amid concerns the regime is building it into an underground nuclear site — but attacking the mysterious facility will be extremely difficult, experts say.

The commander in chief warned Tuesday that Pickaxe Mountain would be targeted "pretty soon," after The Wall Street Journal reported, citing Israeli intelligence, that nuclear centrifuges were spotted arriving at the secretive fortress for the first time since its construction began in 2020.

The alarming report likely gives the administration the push it needed to target the site.

Striking the site will be difficult. James Acton, of the Carnegie Endowment's nuclear policy work, said the 30,000-pound bunker-buster bombs the US previously used on nuke sites will not work on Pickaxe due to how deep it's buried. But "for anyone really worried about Pickaxe Mountain, take solace in that there is always a bigger bomb," he added. *Ronny Reyes*

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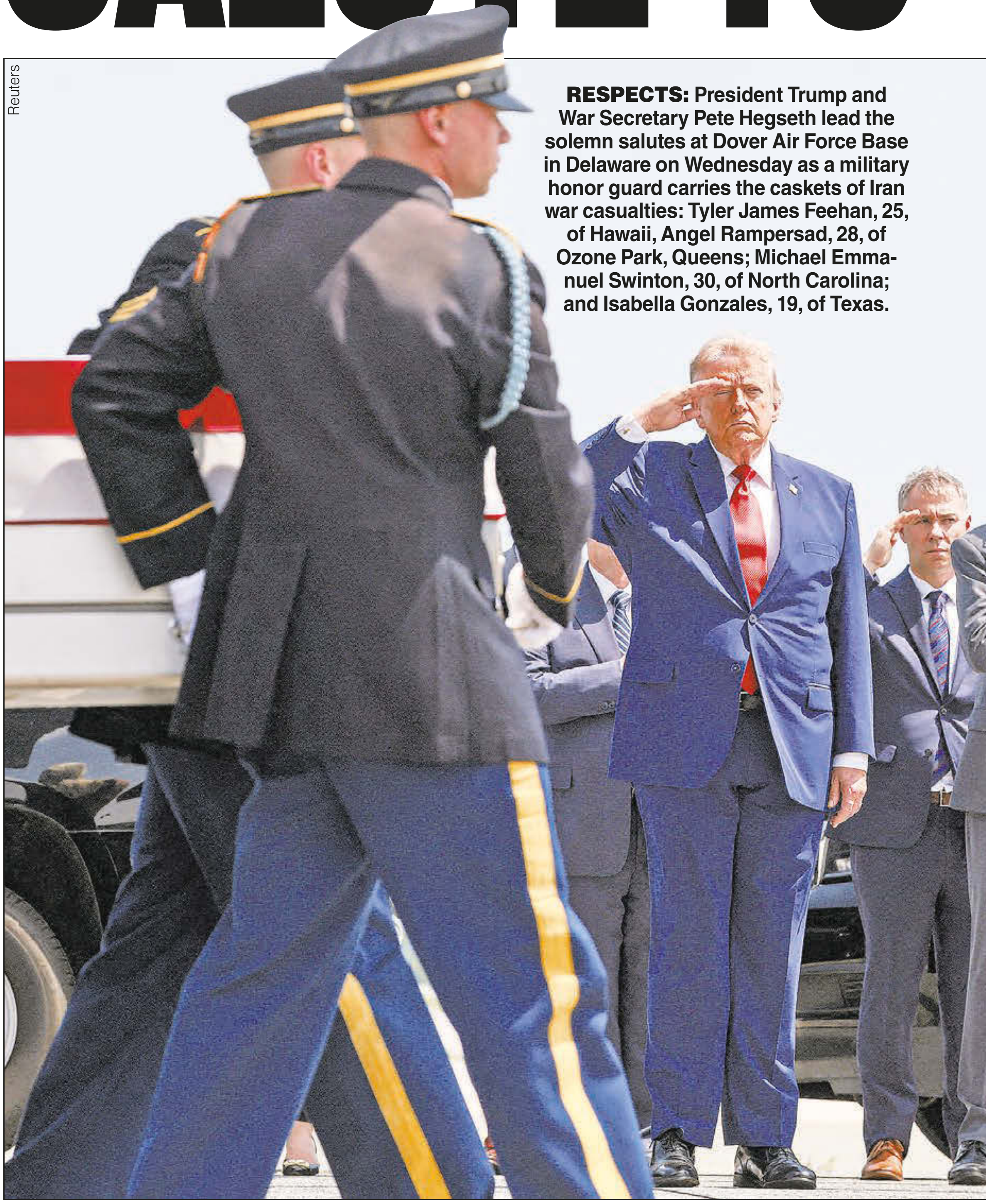

Reuters

**RESPECTS:** President Trump and War Secretary Pete Hegseth lead the solemn salutes at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Wednesday as a military honor guard carries the caskets of Iran war casualties: Tyler James Feehan, 25, of Hawaii, Angel Rampersad, 28, of Ozone Park, Queens; Michael Emmanuel Swinton, 30, of North Carolina; and Isabella Gonzales, 19, of Texas.

By STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — President Trump saluted four flag-draped caskets carrying the bodies of US service members killed in the Iran war last week — shortly after telling journalists it was "one of the hardest things to do" for him.

Trump paid tribute to the fallen heroes at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware as an honor guard marched their remains to transport vans from a military cargo plane.

At one point, a relative could be heard wailing as her loved one's body was moved.

"We're going to honor them. And one of the hardest things to do for me, it's one of the hardest things to do as a president. But has to be done," Trump told reporters before departing Joint Base Andrews for the ceremony.

The president made the trip as he threatens to expand the war in retaliation for Iranian attacks on US troops and commercial ships — even as leading Republicans, including House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), urge a quick resolution to the conflict.

"What I'm going to say [to grieving relatives] is, 'We love you. We love your child' . . . and all you can

# FALLEN HEROES

## One of hardest things to do as prez but has to be done: Trump

**1st Lt. Tyler J. Feehan**

**Sgt. Angel S. Rampersad**

**Pvt. Isabella Gonzales**

**Sgt. Michael E. Swinton**

do is draw out your heart," added the president, who also warned that Iran is "going to pay a big price" and was "being decimated."

### One victim from NYC

Three of the soldiers were killed in an Iranian missile strike on a Jordanian military base, while the fourth died during the controlled detonation of a downed Iranian drone in northern Iraq.

Tyler James Feehan, 25, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; Isabella Gonzales, 19, of Carrollton, Texas; and Angel S. Rampersad, 28, of Ozone Park, Queens, were killed in the Jordan attack.

Michael Emmanuel Swinton, 30, of Spring Lake, NC, died in Iraq.

Before the dignified transfer, Trump dismissed polling showing a significant majority of Americans oppose the war.

"Americans aren't against the war," he said. "A poll just came out. Americans don't want to have gasoline prices, but they're not against the war. That just came out loud and clear in a poll. Nobody wants Iran to have a nuclear weapon. You want Iran to have a nuclear weapon? You think it's good?"

Trump has been attempting for months to end the war, which he and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu launched Feb. 28, via negotiations with Tehran.

Trump said Tuesday that Iran was "probably" trying to hurt Republicans in the November midterms by continuing the war, while Johnson told reporters on Capitol Hill Tuesday that "now we've got to wrap it up."

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## Queens warrior mourned

One of the American soldiers killed in an Iranian attack on a US base was a beloved "social butterfly" from a military family in Queens — with a smile that could "light up any room," her heartbroken loved ones said Wednesday.

Sgt. Angel Rampersad, 28, of Ozone Park, had plans to travel the world while serving her country when she was killed Friday during the attack at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Jordan, they said.

"I don't think there's an emotion invented for this type of tragedy yet. Sad would be an understatement," said Deacon Carlos Garcia, a neighbor and family friend. "It's a tragic loss for our country, for our neighborhood, for the family."

Rampersad — a graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, who played the drums — tried to enlist at 18 and "her mother said no," Garcia said. "Her uncle served in the Army. Her brother-in-law served in the Marines."

Retired Sgt. Logan Thomson, 30, who served with her at a base in Hawaii for three years, said: "Everything about her — her smile, the way she carried herself — she could bring light to any room. She was just a social butterfly, able to make friends anywhere and everywhere she met."

Rampersad's family remembered her as a "a gentle giant," who "stood up for those who couldn't fight for themselves, a defender and a friend. She loved her family fiercely and will live on in the hearts of everyone she touched."*Reuven Fenton*

# Murder-suicide hub's brother killed dad

# Violent past in Qns. slay

**TROUBLED FAMILY:** Police hold Nicholas Azzaretto in 2020 for killing abusive father Frank (left). Older brother Joseph Azzaretto and wife Mary Kate Golding (below) died in a Queens murder-suicide Tuesday.

USA TODAY NETWORK via Imagn Images

By KEVIN SHEEHAN, REUVEN FENTON, JORDAN DONEGAN and MATT TROUTMAN

A Queens dad suspected of killing his wife in a gruesome murder-suicide came from a family with a dark, violent past — with his brother fatally shooting their father half a decade ago, The Post has learned.

Joseph Azzaretto, 33, was found hanging from a tree in Astoria Park early Tuesday, hours after he stabbed Mary Kate Golding, 34, to death in their nearby home, police and sources said.

The apparent murder-suicide came six years after Azzaretto's younger brother Nicholas Azzaretto stood accused of slaughtering their father.

During a heated argument in February 2020 inside the family's Monroe County, Pa., home, then-20-year-old Nicholas fatally fired a shotgun at dad Frank Azzaretto.

Nicholas faced charges of third-degree murder and voluntary manslaughter, but evidence surfaced that showed it wasn't a cold-blooded crime.

A dramatic court hearing revealed that Frank Azzaretto had a history of abusive behavior, the Pocono Record reported.

## Shot during rampage

The 58-year-old Azzaretto patriarch allegedly came home on Feb. 13, 2020, from his movie-production job in The Bronx and blew up at his wife over a telephone bill, according to the report and a criminal complaint.

He angrily paced around the Stroud Township home, threw plants and pictures and threatened to punch his wife.

Nicholas allegedly emerged from his basement bedroom amid the chaos, asking "What's he screaming about?"

Frank pushed his son into his basement room, closed the door and continued his rampage, pushing his wife in the kitchen while breaking items, the criminal complaint states.

"The Defendant then returned from the basement with a shotgun and proceeded to the kitchen area where the Victim was still arguing with his wife," the complaint states. "The Defendant then shot the Victim in the upper torso area in the presence of his mother."

Nicholas unloaded the 12-gauge shotgun, then laid it on the kitchen countertop before calling 911, the complaint states.

He pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in November 2021 and received 10 years of probation, of which two years would be under electronic monitoring, the records show.

Nicholas, when reached by The Post, said, "Unfortunately, I don't really have anything to say to the press. I'm sorry. I wish I could be of more help. Sorry. I'm trying to be as nice as possible."

Joseph and Golding had moved to Astoria from Pennsylvania about two months ago, neighbors said.

Azzaretto, among other incidents, had once physically fought repo men over his car, a nearby worker told The Post.

"He was mentally disturbed. We knew that since he got here," the worker said Tuesday.

Golding was an assistant set decorator for such shows as "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," according to IMDb.

Azzaretto is believed to have placed a call to a family member and friend confessing to the killing, law-enforcement sources said.

Cops found Golding with a knife in her back around 12:30 a.m., the sources said.

Azzaretto's body was found about six hours later.

The couple's 11-month-old boy was left alone with his slain mother, sources said.

*Additional reporting by Joe Marino*

# 'Marital' dementia surprise

Could your spouse's dementia be contagious?

Being married has been shown to help sustain many aspects of health. Married people with heart disease are less likely to suffer a heart attack or die from cardiovascular disease, they have a lower risk of obesity and they're also likely to live longer.

But a new study shows that spouses of dementia sufferers have a higher chance of developing dementia themselves, compared with couples where neither dealt with dementia. It's a significant increase in risk — up to 74% in women, and 69% in men.

That builds on research from last year that showed folks who were widowed, divorced or never married had a lower risk of dementia compared to people who were married.

It suggests that people build their own social networks after their partner dies, or after divorce — and if they were never married, they have more time and energy to build those bonds.

Dementia is not a disease in itself; it's a broad category of symptoms encompassing decline in cognitive abilities, like memory, language and problem solving.

*Allie Yang*

# LaG flight attack hoax

A Delta Air Lines pilot preparing to land at La Guardia Tuesday night was met with a harrowing midair alert — watch for a potential rocket launcher attack.

Air traffic controllers issued a MANPAD (man-portable air defense system) warning at 8:27 p.m., ordering Delta flight 2604, inbound from Detroit, to remain on the lookout.

The anonymous tip, soon deemed a hoax by Port Authority police, spooked and baffled the pilot who received the transmission from LaGuardia's control tower as he was approaching the Queens airport.

The Delta flight landed safely without incident.

*Daniel Cody*

# Search in Uber shoot

A gun-toting robber shot an Uber driver in the face during a stickup in Brooklyn earlier this month — and cops are hunting for the ruthless suspect, police and sources said.

The armed creep got into the car around 4:15 a.m. July 11 on Prospect Avenue near Bedford Avenue in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens and threatened the 21-year-old driver, authorities said.

He allegedly demanded cash and the keys to the vehicle before firing his weapon, hitting the motorist in the face, police said.

The brute managed to grab an undetermined amount of cash before getting out of the car and running off, heading west on Parkside Avenue toward Flatbush Avenue, authorities said. Medics rushed the motorist to the Kings County Hospital Center, where he was listed in stable condition.

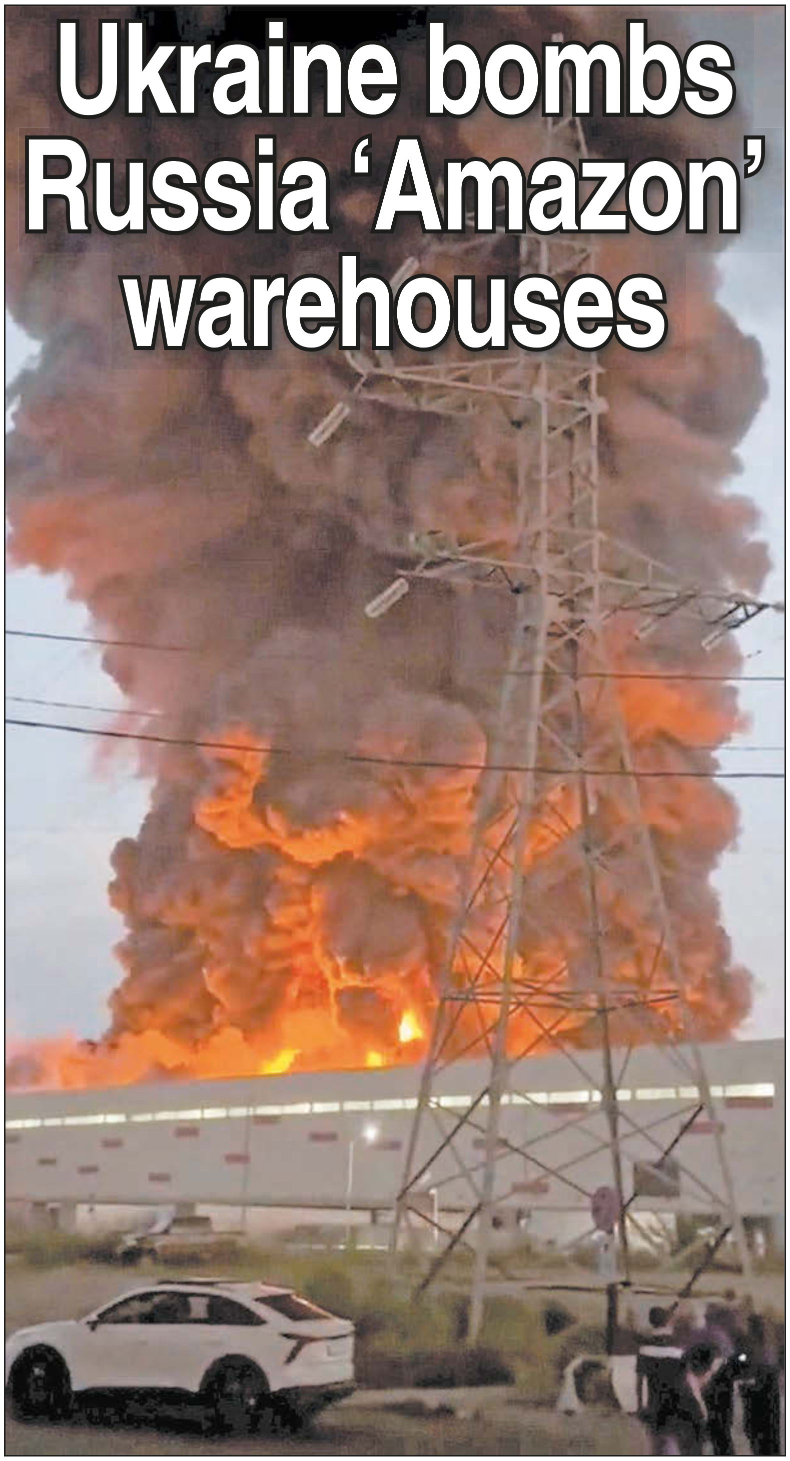
The suspect (above) was wearing blue shorts, a black sweatshirt, a black surgical mask, black shoes and carrying a black bookbag, according to surveillance images released by the NYPD.

The NYPD urged anyone with information to call the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477)

*Amanda Woods*

# AIR-MAIL DELIVERY

## Ukraine bombs Russia ‘Amazon’ warehouses



Reuters; Inset: ZumaPress

By RONNY REYES

Ukrainian drones pummeled the warehouses of Russia’s biggest online retailer, often described as the country’s Amazon, on Wednesday, as Kyiv wages psychological warfare on the Kremlin.

Wildberries co-founder Tatyana Kim said her warehouses in Krasnodar and Nevinnomyssk had been struck overnight, with verified footage of the burning buildings spreading across social media.

The attack on one of Russia’s biggest employers sends a clear signal to Russian businesses and population that the Kremlin can no longer shield them from the realities of the war, said Serhii Kuzan, chairman of the Ukrainian Security and Cooperation Center.

“The collateral damage from such strikes could also have a serious impact on the Russian economy, as well as a psychological effect on Russian society and, likely, on continued support for the war,” Kuzan told the BBC.

### Zel defends strikes

Wildberries, which is not publicly traded, employs some 48,000 people and had been previously attacked four days ago, according to Russian officials.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky defended the attacks, accusing the company of providing the Russian army with “drone components, navigation equipment and other gear.”

Kuzan said the retailer has served as a “vital component” to Russian logistics, with Moscow’s soldiers using Wildberries to buy military equipment.

The Kremlin has denied Wildberries handles military supplies.

Both Ukraine and Russia have said that any facilities that provide support to the other’s military are open to attacks.

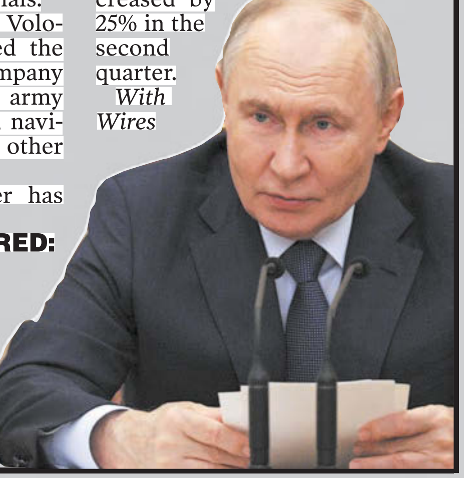
Krasnodar officials said at least one person was killed in the overnight strikes, with last week’s attack killing eight others.

“There are no words to describe all the feelings and emotions caused by the attacks on ordinary people, on our employees, on all of us who are simply doing our jobs,” Kim, the company’s boss who is worth an estimated $8.1 billion, said in a post on Telegram after the latest attacks. The extent of the damage, and the impact for customers, was not clear.

The repeated attacks on the retail giant has stoked fear in customers that its supply chain could be broken if the strikes continue.

Also Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin chaired at the Kremlin a meeting on economic issues, during which he said the country’s economy is stable and its on-oil revenues increased by 25% in the second quarter.

*With Wires*



**NOT WHAT HE ORDERED:** As Vladimir Putin (right) speaks in Moscow on Wednesday, a warehouse in Nevinnomyssk, Russia, for online retailer Wildberries burns after it was hit by Ukrainian drones.

# Missing part in autopsy

The pathologist who carried out an independent autopsy on Nolan Wells revealed that a crucial part of his body was missing — which hindered the expert’s ability to make a ruling on his cause of death.

Wells’ body did not have a throat following the official postmortem conducted by the Mississippi State Medical Examiner’s Office, said Dr. Roger Mitchell, the former chief medical examiner for Washington, DC, who performed the autopsy.

Mitchell said his ruling on the cause and manner of the college football player’s death is “undetermined pending investigation,” with the date of death also unknown.

Wells’ parents flew his body over 800 miles to DC for the independent autopsy amid claims the circumstances around his death don’t “add up.”

Wells was found dead on July 6 off of Horn Island, Miss., after last being seen on July 4.

*Alex Diaz*

# Ex-lovers’ school brawl

Two Florida teachers who used to date and have a child together got into a wild classroom brawl, with the woman using pepper spray after coming around after being knocked unconscious, according to cops.

Odiria Shaya Biggins and Terrod Torrence, both 36, scrapped in a classroom at the SEED School of Miami last Friday after Torrence left a note on his ex’s desk saying he wanted to speak with her, according to a police report.

Their classroom chat escalated, with Torrence allegedly punching the mother of his child repeatedly and pushing her against a wall.

After regaining consciousness, Biggins went to her car and returned with pepper spray that she then used on her ex, according to the police report.

Video showed her walking into the classroom, and then Torrence staggering out, “struggling to walk and visibly suffering” after being sprayed, the report said.

They were both arrested.

*Chris Bradford*

# THE ALGORITHMS

**NIALL FERGUSON & JOHN-CLARK LEVIN**

## Social media boosts Holocaust deniers

AS the algorithmic age takes Holocaust denial mainstream, historians must admit a bitter defeat.

When the two of us met at Harvard 15 years ago, one was a professor teaching modern history, and the other was an undergraduate interested in the future of artificial intelligence.

The elder of us had published a succession of books concerned with one of the most important and intractable questions of the 19th and 20th centuries: Why did the successful economic and social integration of the Jews after their emancipation or westward emigration produce such a vitriolic backlash?

I (Ferguson) had written a history of the Rothschild banking dynasty and a biography of Siegmund Warburg. I had studied the German hyperinflation of 1923 and its corrosive impact on the Weimar Republic. I had written books about the two world wars, one of which — “The War of the World” — offered a novel interpretation of the Holocaust as one (the worst) in a series of episodes of mass murder.

I not only lectured on these issues at Harvard and other universities, but I also sought to reach the widest possible audience by engaging in journalism and broadcasting, producing more than 30 hours of documentary television for PBS and Channel 4 or the BBC in Britain.

My animating goal was to ensure that citizens learned the lessons of history — including the vital lesson that antisemitic rhetoric can be translated into genocidal reality if it is adopted by a modern state.

Yet today I see this hatred normalized, the Holocaust trivialized. Popular and influential conservatives such as Tucker Carlson and the Conservative Political Action Conference crowd now tolerate traffickers in Nazi revisionism.

And the poison being peddled to young conservatives by radicalizers such as Nick Fuentes is even worse than traditional Holocaust denial. They don’t so much deny the Holocaust as mock it and celebrate it.

A 27-year-old Rumble streamer who first earned far-right fame by attending the Charlottesville, Va., white supremacist rally in 2017, Fuentes presents himself as a history-savvy truth-teller.

Getty Images

**NEVER FORGET:** Mountains of historical evidence are drowned out online by Holocaust-denying rage bait in the form of influencers like Nick Fuentes (bottom right) and AI videos that get recommended on social media.

In contrast to competitors crouched over webcams in Red Bull–strewn bedrooms, he projects a retro talk-show vibe — suit and tie, tasteful set, warm lighting, high-end camera.

### Rage bait vs. facts

Five nights a week, his million-strong legion of followers gathers to see Fuentes spend two to three hours reacting to the news and opining on pop-culture drama before engaging directly with fans via “superchats” they pay him handsomely to read on-air.

But when you ask one of them to explain Fuentes’s ideas, the answer is usually hopelessly vague. “You’ve just gotta watch for yourself,” they reply, attaching a video longer than “Lawrence of Arabia.”

This is a tell — a sign that the true attraction isn’t evidence or arguments, but instead the emotions Fuentes arouses. If you watch a three-hour lecture about history or science, you can summarize the key points to a friend, even if you can’t recall every detail.

By contrast, there are no summarizable takeaways from performances like a Fuentes show. He gleefully spouts the N-word and unfurls slur-laced harangues against transsexuals, gays, Muslims, Indians, blacks, Jews and women — language his white male listeners know would get them fired.

Often, the offensiveness is unmoored from any ideology at all, like Fuentes’ recent declaration that child sex-trafficker Jeffrey Epstein was “cool as f--k.” The posture is that he’s freeing his audience — especially “involuntarily celibate” (incel) Zoomer men — from all the norms they resent.

With that pretext, Fuentes gives his viewers a fig leaf of cover to treat virulent hatred as a big joke they’re all in on. He praises Jim Crow segregation, admires Joseph Stalin, lauds the Taliban and calls for an American dictatorship. But it’s all wrapped in ironic 4chan memes and intermixed with chat about Star Wars, Taylor Swift and the “Barbie” movie.

So Fuentes is only breaking one more taboo when he says: “Hitler was awesome,” “Hitler was right,” and “the Holocaust didn’t happen.”

The main point isn’t to convince people of that factual claim. It’s to make them reject the topic as unworthy of moral concern altogether, and to paint those who care about Nazi atrocities as cringey, out-of-touch scolds.

Now add today’s AI into the mix. Since the original Facebook news feed, the AI used by the platforms has become vastly more sophisticated. It now systematically plucks such “rage bait” videos from obscurity and pushes them to precisely the users most likely to engage — on a scale, at a speed and with a precision inconceivable 10 years ago.

The app’s interface may look the same, but show interest in a Fuentes clip, and quite quickly every other video is someone ranting that Jews (or blacks, or slutty women, or Democrats) are ruining America.

Yet the platforms reward brevity, so gradually one sees the same message conveyed by short, abstract memes that make no argument at all.

In the deepest bilges of the algorithm are calls to violence, often evading the platform’s content-moderation software with a peaceful alpine landscape and spoonerized incitement: “Jill kews.”

Increasingly, the creators of such content use AI-generated images to heighten the emotional impact of the message — innocuous scenes that turn into giant swastikas if you unfocus your eyes, or imaginary scenarios of angelic blond girls surrounded by brown-skinned rapists.

### Deepfakes

Realistic deepfakes depict Jewish celebrities making inflammatory comments, or hordes of savages rampaging through a city. And, since 2024, AI has been used to resurrect the Führer himself. Viral videos now translate Hitler’s speeches into English using his own voice and delivery style — transforming what sounds to anglophone ears like cartoonish bombast into something far more compelling.

Recently, as an experiment, we watched a few right-leaning TikToks. Six of the next 10 videos the algorithm served us were of Hitler oratory.

An army of bots commentating positively creates a powerful illusion of consensus. Especially for young people, seeing a large crowd affirming such messages legitimizes them, and stirs feelings of belonging for those who join. So, what starts with AI manipulation soon draws in all-too-real Americans — not only the incels, but also their friends and family members.

The results for the TikTok generation are alarming. Young Americans have become much more antisemitic than their elders, with 18% of 18- to 22-year-old voters saying the Jewish community has had a negative impact on the United States, compared with around 6% of those age 45 and older. Although both far-left and far-right radicals are much more likely to hold such views than the general population, the horseshoe is not symmetrical.

Those ages 18–34 were asked whether they agreed with at least one of a series of antisemitic

# OF ANTISEMITISM

statements such as “Jews in the United States have too much power.” Among “extremely conservative” voters, 64% agreed with one or more, compared to just 34% of those who are “extremely liberal.” The Fuentes effect on this age bracket is clear — older, extremely conservative voters were not significantly more antisemitic than the overall electorate.

The Iran war brought these sentiments to the fore. As young MAGA voters rushed online to express their disillusionment with the war — within a month of its beginning, only 49% of Republicans 18–29 were in favor, versus 84% of those over 65 — leading hate-mongers could pitch their Jews-cause-all-wars message to a massive new audience.

This is already translating to offline politics.

In Florida’s GOP gubernatorial primary, an endorsement from Fuentes has propelled far-right provocateur James Fishback — who rails against “goyslop” (ultra-processed foods supposedly marketed by Jews to poison gentiles) and said a black journalist “should be lynched” — into second place, with one month to go until the primary.

Even among mainstream Republicans, a sizable minority of young DC staffers identify as pro-Fuentes “Groypers,” shaping the party’s rhetoric going into the crucial midterms.

## Big Tech failures

Despite assurances that they take this problem seriously, the algorithmic media companies are losing control. They are not investing enough in the strong “immune-system” AI they would need to keep pace with the latest bots and their neo-Nazi creators.

We face, in short, the gravest challenge yet to the West’s commitment to free speech: an AI-powered assault on historical truth.

Of course, humans in America have a right to hold even the most odious views, and to share falsehoods peacefully with those who’ll listen. And we can still try to fight ordinary anti-history with the facts.

But this is no longer the world in which Christopher Browning and Richard Evans could forensically expose the Holocaust denial distortions in David Irving’s books, ensuring that Irving lost his 2000 libel case against Deborah Lipstadt and Penguin Books.

When Holocaust denial is beamed straight into the visual cortex as eight-second selfies of a teenager poking his eye as a signal to “notice” Jewish subversion, there is nothing to debunk, and no counterargument to make.

In the time it takes to say, “On the contrary, as Raul Hilberg convincingly demonstrated in his magisterial treatise . . .” a stimulation-hungry Zoomer is on to the next video.

Indeed, the threat posed by the likes of Fuentes might be survivable if users were interacting only with other authentic humans. But they’re being inundated by a tsunami of AI slop and microtargeted rage bait on platforms whose algorithms reward “please stop mocking my grandmother’s murder :(” as “engagement.”

No matter how loudly flesh-and-blood users shout, they are bound to be drowned out by a chorus of lifelike bots programmed to hijack the conversation.

When they argued for free speech, neither John Milton, John Locke, nor John Stuart Mill could have foreseen a public sphere so polluted.

## Historians powerless

As Pope Leo XIV argued in Magnifica humanitas, his landmark encyclical on AI, no top-down intervention can rescue us from this mess.

We cannot engineer our way out of a deeply human truth: The algorithms reflect our own vices back to us — and magnify them.

As long as we indulge our wrathful impulses, we’ll see more rage bait that stokes them. As long as we give in to our short attention spans, our news feeds will carpet-bomb our brains with dopamine. As long as we guzzle flattering lies, the truth will be muscled off our screens by propaganda.

This is a classic collective action problem. If you eat a Big Mac, it won’t make others unhealthy. But if you watch rage bait, you not only pollute your own information intake, but also tell the algorithm to spread that content to your friends and neighbors. So, just as we stigmatize littering, smoking indoors or sneezing uncovered in a crowded elevator, we must learn to stigmatize the vices that befoul our shared digital environment. We must recover a shared sense of moral responsibility not to contribute to the conditions that let a Fuentes thrive.

It’s a lesson that dates back to Cleon in ancient Athens. Ultimately, as Plato and Aristotle discovered, the only bulwark against demagogues is a people virtuous enough to resist their lure.

We fervently hope Americans still can be virtuous. Philosophers, artists and spiritual leaders may yet call us back to the path of virtue. But it is up to them. In the face of an avalanche of AI-powered anti-history, the real historians are powerless.

We thought we could prevail in a fair fight about what really happened in the past. We naively believed that, if we went to the right archives, and read the right documents, and summarized them with the right footnotes, and published our scholarly books and peer-reviewed articles, then the Holocaust deniers would be driven from the field.

What fools we were.

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# NY POLL-UTION FEAR

## Shared elex tech hits Albany's radar

**BALLOT BUGS:** Gov. Hochul remains mum after it was discovered New York uses the same tech company in NJ's non-citizen voter scandal.

Office of Gov. Hochul; AFP via Getty Images

By VAUGHN GOLDEN

State lawmakers are demanding answers from Gov. Hochul's administration and elections officials amid the unfolding scandal in New Jersey where thousands of non-citizens were registered to vote.

Republican members of the state Assembly, in a letter obtained by The Post on Wednesday, called for a hearing to examine whether New York voter rolls could have been exposed to the same "vulnerabilities."

Officials in Jersey said Tuesday a software error by a contractor, Idemia, led to 6,600 immigrants being signed up to vote, even though they checked a box indicating they weren't citizens and therefore weren't eligible.

Idemia, the massive identify verification company contracted to help process driver's licenses in New Jersey, also does work for New York's Department of Motor Vehicles and other agencies.

"While there is no evidence at this time that New York has experienced a similar failure, the shared vendor relationship, together with the substantial public investment in this technology, warrants prompt legislative oversight to determine whether comparable vulnerabilities exist within New York's voter registration process," Assemblyman Matt Slater (R-Putnam) wrote in the letter.

Idemia has billed nearly a quarter billion dollars of work for various Empire State agencies dating back to 2005, including $15.5 million worth of long-term contracts for fingerprinting services entered this year alone, public records show.

"There is no indication of such an issue, because New York state does not use any similar external vendor when processing voter registrations," Kathleen McGrath, a spokesperson for the state Board of Elections told The Post in a statement Wednesday.

### More transparency

But GOP lawmakers aren't satisfied with what they consider a lack of clarity about New York's process for transmitting voter registration information from the DMV — and urged for more transparency.

"This statutory framework makes it essential that the technological systems connecting driver's license transactions to voter registration accurately distinguish between eligible and ineligible applicants," Slater wrote.

A spokesperson for Hochul declined to comment, even as New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill released a statement and held a press conference saying she was booting Idemia out of the state over the mess.

In a statement, an Idemia spokesperson said the company was not solely responsible for verifying citizenship status for registered voters in New Jersey.

"IDEMIA's role is to transmit information through the motor vehicle system. The voter registration information is transmitted to the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections, which is ultimately responsible for verifying eligibility to vote. Information submitted by IDEMIA must still be validated and adjudicated by the Division of Elections," the rep said.

# NJ blew it on voters, says biz, not us

The software company that New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill blamed for 6,600 non-citizens getting put onto the voter rolls insists that local officials were responsible for illegally registering the immigrants.

Sherrill claimed Tuesday that a "serious software error" in the Motor Vehicle System involving French tech company Idemia caused the mishap, which led to some 400 non-citizens voting.

But Idemia said that the state had access to data showing that those individuals were not citizens — but apparently registered them to vote anyway.

The problem came from software that the state used to register people to vote when they signed up for a New Jersey ID.

ID recipients who said they wanted to register to vote, but declared that they were non-citizens, were added to voter rolls in 2023 and 2024 — despite it being illegal.

"The 6,600 records … contained correct information," Lisa Shoemaker, a spokesperson for Idemia, told The Post on Wednesday.

"All 6,600 individuals indicated 'yes' to wanting to register to vote and 'no' to being a US Citizen."

A New Jersey state official disputed Idemia's claims.

"No, that is not correct," the official told The Post. "Anytime somebody answers 'no' to the citizenship question, that record should not be transmitted to the Division of Elections."

*Ryan King*

# Joyful LI moment of 'Ruth'

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman celebrated the 100th anniversary of Babe Ruth's legendary catch of a baseball thrown from an airplane — declaring it a part of New York's "rich history."

Blakeman, also the GOP's gubernatorial candidate, honored the daring aviation stunt, in which the ball was dropped from 300 feet, with a commemorative plaque at Mitchel Field on Long Island alongside dozens of delighted kids and baseball buffs.

"We are very proud of our rich history of aviation. They call this the Cradle of Aviation because so many great aviators, right here at Mitchel Field, trained here and operated here," Blakeman said at the event.

"Babe Ruth was a World Series champion, he was an MVP, and he was a great pitcher, as well as one of the greatest hitters, in the history of baseball."

Kids at the event watched in awe as a Nassau County Police Department helicopter did a flyover, and viewed a clip of the "The Catch" from 1926.

"It's an honor to remember an amazing movement in baseball history," former Yankees player Andy Pettitte said in a recorded video.

*Natalie O'Neill*

# La. pastor purloiner

A social-media-savvy Louisiana pastor and author was convicted of stealing more than $340,000 from congregants to fund gambling and personal expenses.

Dale Sanders, 56, was found guilty of a 25-count indictment after a five-day jury trial last week, according to the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Sanders, of Kenner, withdrew funds held in church bank accounts and transferred them to his own pocket to subsidize his lavish personal expenditures.

He faces up to 20 years in prison, a $250,000 fine and up to three years of supervised release after serving time.

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# Commie stench at nation's museum

**OUTRAGE:** Under Anthea Hartig, the Smithsonian celebrates transgenderism and says illegal migrants deserve the right to vote.

Getty Images

IF you wondered how communism has grabbed a foothold in the United States of America of all places, look no further than the Smithsonian Institution.

The world's largest and most influential museum has been hijacked by Marxist ideology to teach self-loathing anti-American woke propaganda to its 20 million annual visitors plus 20 million students a year.

The Smithsonian teaches that "politeness," "punctuality" "objectivity" and "hard work" is white supremacy, and that Mickey Mouse is a form of blackface, while devoting not one major exhibit to George Washington or any of the Founding Fathers.

It does teach that Benjamin Franklin was a vile slave owner who owed his discoveries to his slaves and that Christopher Columbus was a psychopathic killer and racist and that we live on stolen land.

Meanwhile, it celebrates transgenderism, bondage and sadomasochism in various sexually explicit exhibits. It says illegal migrants deserve the right to vote.

During the Black Lives Matter riots of 2020, the Smithsonian's woke Secretary Lonnie Bunch sent curators onto the streets to collect trash left behind by arsonists, vandals, looters and useful idiots as "historical artifacts that need to be collected and saved for posterity," according to the Heritage Foundation, which has been chronicling the downfall of a once-great 179-year-old institution.

Generations of American children have been brought up to revere the Smithsonian. Yet it abuses its $1.3 billion annual budget — 62% from the taxpayer — to persuade impressionable minds that everything about America is irredeemably racist and evil and must be dismantled.

## 'Tool of social justice'

And the supercilious congressional testimony this week of Smithsonian boss Anthea Hartig shows that she has no intention of changing a thing.

A California transplant who once described herself as "propped up . . . by the cushions of whiteness and the pillows of the bourgeoisie" has described history as a "prime tool of social justice" and noted how "we work to reframe the traditional celebratory narrative of US history for visitors."

Grilled by Texas Republican Rep. Brandon Gill Tuesday, she dripped with arrogance, defiance and elitist contempt.

"Is Mickey Mouse racist?" Gill asked her.

"Mickey Mouse is not racist," she replied.

"According to . . . one of your exhibits, Mickey Mouse represents 'vestiges of long-standing traditions of blackface minstrelsy.' Would you describe that as racist?" Gill asked.

Hartig then launched into a waffling mini-dissertation of Mickey's "historical trajectory" to avoid the question before Gill forced her into admitting she believes that the beloved mouse is "rooted in minstrelsy [with] certain obvious racial overtones."

There was a lot more.

"Is it important to be polite?" Gill asked her silkily.

"Yes, sir."

"Your organization . . . references politeness as a defining characteristic of white-supremacy culture. Ma'am, are you a white supremacist?"

"Hmmm. No, sir," she said snootily, as if his question were absurd, when it is her museum that she has turned into an expensive laughingstock.

"Would you say the goal of history is to be objective?" Gill asked.

Hartig waffled about "many goals of history."

Gill then quoted from "a white-supremacy document your organization has promoted for many years under your leadership [that] references objectivity as a defining characteristic of white-supremacy culture."

Hartig tried to feign ignorance about the document, despite the fact that the Smithsonian has adopted and promoted the MASS Action Toolkit in staff development and educational material since the start of her tenure in 2019. The screed was developed by a left-wing activist coalition, Museums as Sites for Social Action, that is dedicated to using museums as platforms for social justice, "anti-racism" and "equity" and funded by the DEI-obsessed Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, among others. Smithsonian staffers were even involved in its inception.

## Reeking of DEI

"It's not our toolkit," Hartig said.

Gill pressed her.

"We did not come up with the toolkit."

Finally she admitted the document has been "used as a reference."

It doesn't get much more disingenuous than Hartig's feigned surprise, unless she has the memory of a goldfish.

In July 2020, it was big news when she was excoriated by the first Trump White House for a Smithsonian exhibit that listed the evils of "whiteness" as "rugged individualism, self-reliance, hard work, objectivity, the nuclear family, progress, respect for authority, delayed gratification" and so on.

The nuclear family "father, mother, 2.3 children is another dreadful symptom of "whiteness." As is the "Scientific Method: Objective, rational linear thinking."

Whiteness also holds that "Christianity is the norm" and "anything other than Judeo-Christian tradition is foreign."

You get the drift. And of course, the unspoken goal is that "whiteness" must be eradicated. A more depressing or demoralizing message you could not imagine.

Poor James Smithson — the British scientist and 18th century creature of the Enlightenment who bequeathed his fortune to the US to establish the Smithsonian Institution — must be rolling in his grave.

His instructions were that it be "an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." How Hartig and pals must hate that motto.

President Lyndon Johnson later expanded the Smithsonian to include the National Museum of American History in 1964 to focus on American achievement and patriotism. Today it does the opposite.

## Radical ideology

Back in 2020, the White House Domestic Policy Council issued a 162-page report saying the Smithsonian had been captured by a "radical, activist ideology that is fundamentally opposed to telling the noble, honest story of" America.

Hartig's leadership was blamed for forcing Smithsonian exhibits to be all about "race/identity, gender/sexuality, climate change, immigration/migrations, economic inequality, technological change and nationalism/globalism."

But nothing was done, and during the Biden years the Smithsonian only further entrenched its sick wokery.

It's beyond time that Congress defunds the Smithsonian unless it reverts to its founding principles.

# House of poop horrors

A Florida mother has been arrested after her three children were found living in "biohazard conditions," with human feces "coating the floors, walls and ceilings" of the living areas, even the kitchen.

Carla Nishikura, 41, was charged with three counts of child abuse after her kids were found in the Palm Coast home that was so disgusting a cleaning crew refused to go in "due to the biohazard conditions," according to an arrest affidavit.

The alarm was raised July 16 when a neighbor saw the tattooed mother's 8-year-old daughter wandering around outside naked, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office said in the report.

Nishikura told officers the girl, who is autistic and nonverbal, had escaped through the garage door while she was sleeping, after she forgot to zip-tie it closed to keep her from running off.

Officers noted the floor of the girl's bedroom, which only had a frame and no mattress, "was covered with fecal matter, cracked eggs, and urine."

Body camera footage obtained by WKMG shows Nishikura trying to run inside the house, at which point she's placed in handcuffs. *Patrick Reilly*

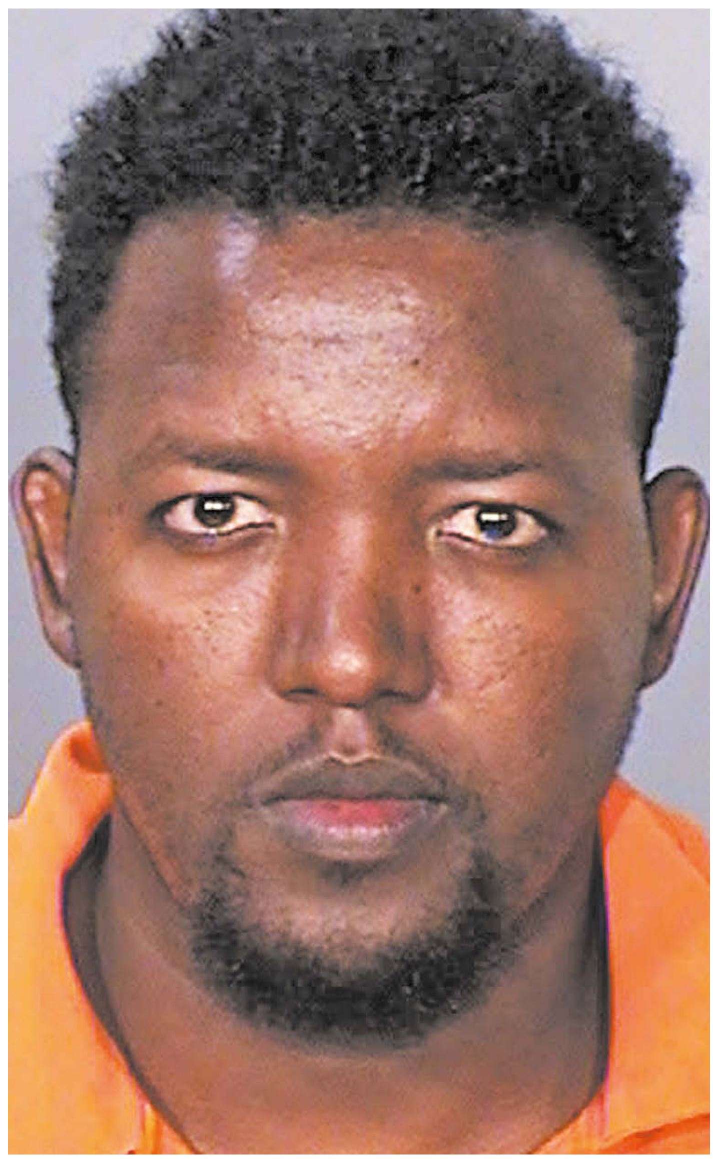
# Undersea nuke plan

The Trump administration on Wednesday said it would evaluate putting nuclear energy projects in federal waters to expand domestic energy production and speed deployment of nuclear technologies.

The Marine Minerals Administration, which oversees development on the US Outer Continental Shelf, said it signed an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to coordinate oversight of potential offshore projects.

"Submerged reactor systems have been safely deployed" by the Navy for decades," MMA acting Director Matt Giacona said. *Reuters*

# 'KILLER'S US HATE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**MAD AS HELL:** Tsegaab Binessu (left) is accused of gunning down Nansi Fuentes Zambrano (near below), Dena Silcox (bottom) and a third person at a St. Paul, Minn., leasing office (above).

## Blames immig system for fam woes: officials

By PATRICK REILLY

The migrant accused of shooting three people dead over a petty parking-garage dispute told investigators he hated the American system that had thwarted him from bringing his wife and kids here from Ethiopia, a criminal complaint says.

Tsegaab Binessu was busted late Monday in Virginia, Minn., some 200 miles north of the St. Paul residences where he "executed" Nansi Fuentes Zambrano, 25, Dena Silcox, 56, and Adam Wilwerding, 43, the complaint alleges.

All three were staffers at his apartment complex where he was fighting to cancel a $65-a-month parking garage contract in the hopes of joining the Navy, the complaint said.

Once arrested, Binessu "complained about and said he hated the American system" that he blamed on destroying his family life, the complaint said.

Binessu, who has a US passport and Social Security card, told police that for several years he had tried without success to bring his wife and children to the US, according to the complaint.

The prolonged immigration process, the document alleges he said, led to his divorce and separation from his kids.

He claimed he quit his job as a truck driver due to the stress of the situation, the complaint states.

Binessu also said, "his apartment management repeatedly blamed issues on 'the system' instead of helping him," the complaint added.

"Binessu believes he was treated unfairly because he is Black and an immigrant," police wrote in the document.

Binessu called the leasing office Monday night to tell them he wanted to cancel the parking-garage contract.

He became outraged when a woman he spoke with told him he is still obligated to pay "and she repeatedly told him it was 'the system' and could not be changed," according to the complaint.

Binessu, who lived just over a block away in a building run by the same management company, then marched down to the leasing office where he "executed three workers," the complaint states.

# Life not-so-peachy for Ga. mayor, 22

A Georgia city's youngest-ever mayor was temporarily stripped of his duties and privileges amid an investigation over his alleged spending, less than a year after being elected on a campaign premised on accountability and transparency.

Jayden Williams, 22, the mayor of Stockbridge, was ordered to hand over his city-issued credit cards by Monday due to his spending, Atlanta News First reported.

Stockbridge city officials launched a probe into Williams after "information" was presented to finance officials and the city attorney. No further information was divulged.

Lawmakers backed a resolution last Friday to strip the pol of some of his privileges, including the use of city-owned cars.

Williams has not been charged with any crime, but "welcomes a full and independent investigation," a statement on his Facebook page says. *Chris Bradford* realtor.com

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# Anchor was PIX'd on: judge

A judge has ordered New York's WPIX-TV to pay a former anchor over $2 million after a weeklong courtroom battle.

**Ojinika** "Oji" **Obiekwe** worked for the Nexstar-operated company for 22 years, and claimed in a lawsuit that the station fired her in 2023 because she spoke out against alleged racial discrimination in the newsroom.

On Tuesday, a judge ruled in her favor and ordered the broadcasting company to pay her $1,137,000 for compensatory damages and $1,280,000 in punitive damages, according to court documents obtained by Page Six.

"I feel great! I'm grateful to God," Obiekwe told us. "I thank God for leading me to my lawyers because there's no way I could've done this without them. They believed in me . . . They just trusted me and then guided me and here we are: victory."

In a lawsuit she filed last year, Obiekwe alleged that after she was promoted to entertainment anchor in 2017, she found herself "having to do the work of two or even three employees, such as the work of a Segment Producer and even that of a Copy Editor."

She likened her workload to "slavery" and "working on a plantation." "All that's left for me to do at this point is pick cotton," she would often say at work, according to the lawsuit, which also alleged that her white male counterparts at sister stations were doing less work with more resources. She claimed she was canned for complaining.

WPIX-TV vehemently denied her claims and accused Obiekwe of using a "baseless lawsuit to undo the consequences of her own poor performance while working at WPIX."

Obiekwe's attorney, **Eric Abrams**, described "these kinds of cases" as "incredibly difficult." "The fact that we won, and the fact that we won big, is a huge testament to who Oji is," Abrams said.

She told us that her win is not only for her, but also "for every single person I've watched get wronged at PIX11."

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## Gifts keep coming

THE Radio City Rockettes will kick off the holiday season with a surprise: a brand-new scene in the world-famous "Christmas Spectacular." Returning to Radio City Music Hall from Nov. 4 through Jan. 4, the iconic show will add a 10th Rockettes number to its production. Page Six hears it's being developed with a guest choreographer known for working with major stars. This year's show will also introduce immersive technology. The show has been built over generations, with some pieces — including the legendary "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," featuring 36 dancers performing a jaw-dropping, domino-effect fall — having appeared in the show since its 1933 debut.

## 9 lives cut short

THEIR claws are out. After the abrupt announcement that Tony Award-winning "Cats: The Jellicle Ball" will close early, the musical has slipped in a catty new line that appears to take a swipe at the Broadhurst Theatre's landlords. Just before the "Macavity: The Mystery Cat" number, the lights go down and someone in the cast — which includes **André De Shields** (above) — quips, "The Shuberts must have raised the rent again," drawing knowing laughs from the crowd. The line used to be that the theater-owning family "must have forgotten to pay the electric bill."

gisele/Instagram

Gisele Bündchen kicks back with a Bündch of balloons and her family, including her 17-month-old son, for her 46th birthday.

## Funnyman pleads 'deeply sorry' to Court

**JASON Alexander** apologized for his "inappropriate" 2012 comedy sketch with a then-underage **Courtney Stodden** after she called him out this week. "I completely agree that it was inappropriate and I truly regret it," the "Seinfeld" alum, 66, told Page Six. "I am deeply sorry for any harm or distress it has caused Ms. Stodden. I offer her my sincerest apologies." Stodden, 31, posted about the Funny or Die sketch, shot when she was 17, in which Alexander's character rubs his phone across her breasts. Later, he says "when I turned 18 he'd like to take me behind the couch and 'have his way' with me," Stodden recalled, noting that Alexander co-wrote the sketch. "I was a minor," she wrote. "The contracts were signed by adults. The paycheck went to **Doug** [**Hutchison**]," Stodden's then-husband. They married in 2011 when he was 51 and she was 16.

## Gulp of fresh Ere

YOU'VE been hit by a smoothie criminal! New Yorkers no longer need to fly to Los Angeles to get ripped off by buzzy supermarket Erewhon. The upscale grocery chain owes much of its fame to the $20 celebrity-backed smoothies it's been serving since 2022. Grabbing a **Hailey Bieber** smoothie has become as much of an LA tourist rite of passage as strolling the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Now, New Yorkers don't even have to leave home to get a taste of Malibu: Erewhon is selling $100 "smoothie kits" — including its viral Malibu Mango — with enough ingredients to make four of its coveted drinks. Just don't forget to tack on another $50 for shipping.

## 'Decent' deletion

**ANGELINA Jolie** is focused on "healing" as daughter **Vivienne** (above) is the latest of her and **Brad Pitt**'s six children to drop Pitt from their last names. "Angie hasn't been fighting and isn't angry. She just wants everyone to heal," a source exclusively told PageSix.com's **Sarah Jones**. "If people knew the whole truth they would have more sympathy for the children and respect them. The fact they aren't speaking ill or sharing things publicly only shows their decency." Vivienne, 18, submitted paperwork Monday requesting that her last name be changed from Jolie-Pitt to Jolie. Reps for her parents didn't get back to us. Of the six siblings, she's the fifth to file for a name change.

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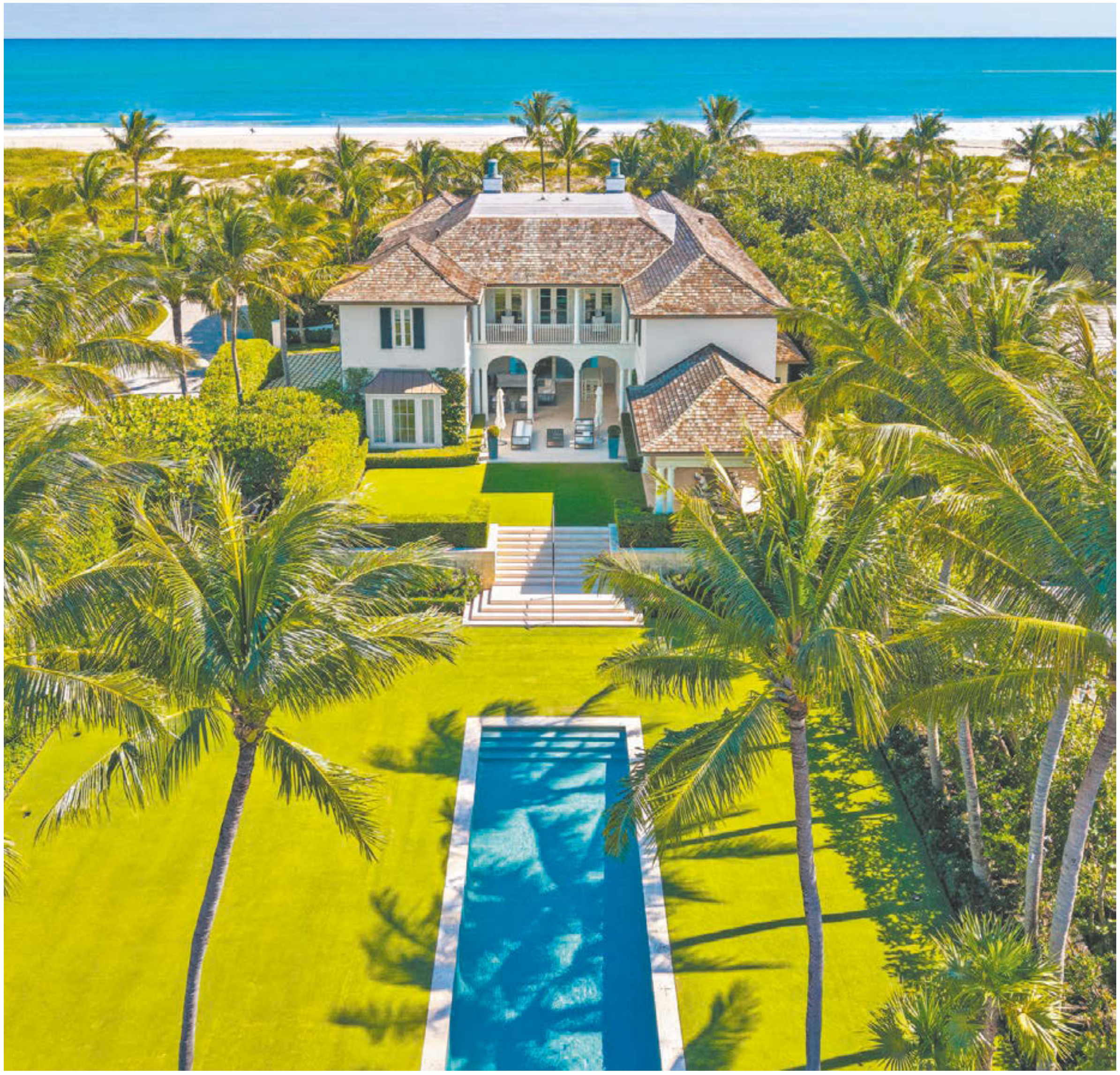

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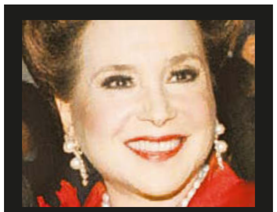

**Cindy Adams**

WE'VE covered July Fourth's Declaration of Independence. Now we get to the Constitution of the United States, and today we study the Amendments.

First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the power of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." *It means* shove off and stay away from temples and synagogues.

Second Amendment: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." In other words: "Touch us, buddy and we will annihilate the crap out of you."

Seventh Amendment: "Where the value in controversy should exceed $20, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved." Meaning: **Maye Musk**'s son can sue to protect his crowds of children and their billions.

Eighth Amendment: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." It means no rough treatment from jailers, bailers or failures.

Twelfth Amendment: "President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and the House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted."

Fourteenth Amendment: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." Section 4, in part: "Neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States . . . but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void."

Sixteenth Amendment: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived . . . without regard to any census or enumeration."

In other words: Stop already with the taxes and impoverishing us — whereby with just the price of a slice of bread today, you could have the down payment for a Ferrari.

## Office expense

A NOTE: **Biden**'s living large. **Pelosi**'s got millions. A few reps are doing well financially. **Kamala** seems OK. Kamala's husband seems OK. Is it just that the people of the United States are the ones hungry and can't afford food?

ASK one bankrupt debtor why he went broke — and he'll answer: "I hate to owe money."

**NOT only in New York, kids, not only in New York.**

## Gems in Brooklyn

NEW play, "The Whole Sky All Diamonds," is set inside a tech company. Romance. Betrayal. Heartbreak. All that and a water cooler. Inspired by that has-been Anton Chekhov.

Playwright **Bixby Elliot** says: "It changes nightly depending on who you decide to stalk through the office. Basically, come for the tech satire, stay because you've accidentally fallen in love with a fictional software engineer."

Immersive, audience participation, choose-your-own-adventure and so far off-Broadway it's in Brooklyn.

"This is a play you step into," says Elliot. "Follow Mickey and you'll get one story. Follow Dara and you'll get a completely different, possibly more emotionally devastating one."

Running Aug. 12 to 22, at 7:30 p.m. At Loft Story on Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint. Try and find it: wholeskyalldiamonds.com/tickets.

Instagram/ Bixby Elliot

A new immersive play from playwright **Bixby Elliot** will be staged next month in Greenpoint.

# NO-FACTS ‘TANMAXX’

## Trend ignores sunburn risks

By ALLIE YANG

**GLARING MISINFO:** Valerie Calderon, 17, (right) is among few tan-fluencers telling young fans to use sunscreen.

Barbara Davidson/The NY Post

Sun’s out, phone’s out.

Valerie Calderon loves to tan beside her family’s California pool — and while she reapplies her favorite body oil, the 17-year-old keeps 34,000 Instagram and 50,000 TikTok followers up to date on her routine.

Her fans? “Everyone is within 13 to 17 years old,” she told The Post.

“I want to make sure that I have a positive, girly platform and that people look up to me as like a big sister,” said Calderon, who graduated high school earlier this year.

She’s one of thousands of creators posting about tanning habits. And young people are soaking it up.

Tanning as a “trend is very, very popular right now,” she said. It’s relaxing, and “it makes girls feel more confident in their skin.”

That said, she’s aware of the risks — and emphasizes moderation and protection.

“I limit my time in the sun. You know, it’s very important, especially UV routine,” she said.

### Docs debunk

Not all creators are as concerned. Online, you’ll find many talking to the same young audience — spreading misinformation about tanning’s benefits.

These so-called “tanmaxxers” share multi-step routines with tan-accelerating products, often openly skipping sun protection and baking when the UV is high.

“I’m very picky about my tanning oils — trust me, I’ve tried them all,” one 17-year-old told her 234,000 TikTok followers — adding that she likes to lay out during “peak UV hours” for the “crispest” tan lines.

“I always check the UV and try to go out when it’s the highest,” a 23-year-old teacher said in a video with a million views.

Other tanmaxxers encourage seeking the sun to get a “base tan” or “solar callus” to avoid burning.

But Dr. Viktoryia Kazlouskaya, a board-certified dermatologist and an owner of Dermatology Circle PLLC clinic, called many of the online claims “fairy tales.”

While it’s true that the sun’s UV boosts melanin production — and melanin in turn does absorb some UV — this base does not offer “meaningful” protection, maybe SPF 3 to 5, said Dr. Geeta Yadav, board-certified dermatologist and founder of FACET Dermatology.

“[It’s] basically nothing against an afternoon outside,” she explained. That tan you’re getting “is your skin reacting to DNA damage that’s already happened, so a tan is really a receipt for the injury.”

There are dozens of videos that call sunscreen “toxic,” and its users “brainwashed.”

But the toxic claim “sounds scientific and falls apart the second you look at the evidence,” Yadav said. “What actually worries me is people scaring themselves out of sunscreen and into sun damage.”

Both mineral sunscreens — that can have an unpleasant texture and white cast — and chemical sunscreens (with ingredients like avobenzone, oxybenzone or homosalate to avoid these problems) are tested and safe, Kazlouskaya said.

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# ‘SUCKED OUT’ FLYER FRIGHT

## ‘Looked at death, came back’

By ELLA MORRISON

The passenger partially sucked out of a Ryanair flight when a window shattered shortly after takeoff has spoken out about the horrifying ordeal that left him “half in and out of the plane.”

“The explosion is what I remember,” Ljubisa Karovic, 61, a Serbian entrepreneur, told The Guardian of the July 10 near-death experience onboard a Ryanair flight from Greece to Germany.

“It’s the noise before the chaos, the noise that is always there when I close my eyes to sleep.”

### ‘I am lucky’

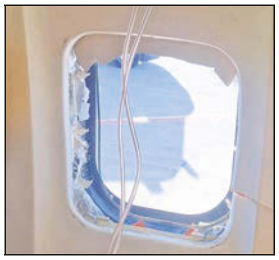
“They tell me I fainted twice and again inside the plane and that my face was briefly swollen and deformed because of the pressure, the rush of air,” he added.

Although the father-of-two suffered serious burns and bruises on the right arm, which span from his armpit to chest, he is grateful to be alive.

“I am lucky,” Karovic told the news outlet. “I don’t remember much and my head and neck still hurt, but I am still alive.”

Doctors advised Karovic his recovery will be slow and he must wear a neck brace for six weeks, by which point they will determine if surgery is necessary.

**TERROR:** Ljubisa Karovic says he feels lucky to be alive after he was half sucked out of a shattered Ryanair window (below) after takeoff July 10.



“It could have been the seat belt, the fact that I was still strapped in,” Karovic said of his survival when he was nearly vacuumed out of the plane through the blown-out window at his seat, 11F. “But maybe it is fate.”

“I believe in God and I thank him every day.”

But to Karovic’s lawyer, Vasilis Tsiaras, the 61-year-old traveling to Germany for his brother’s birthday is “alive by mistake.”

“At 15,000 feet he ended up with his head and right arm outside the aircraft as it moved at a speed” of more than 373 mph, Tsiaras said. “Imagine that!

“He looked at death, that other world, and came back,” the Greek lawyer added.

### Kin fault the crew

Karovic’s wife, Svetlana, was seated three rows behind him and rushed over to grab her husband, who was “half in and out of the plane” for maybe two minutes.

She and the lawyer fault Ryanair’s response.

“None of the cabin crew helped. It was the passengers,” Svetlana said.

“One man, I think he was an Albanian, was incredible. He did all he could to bring him in and then tried to block the window, first with a bag that was immediately sucked out and then with a suitcase, which worked.”

“We are eternally grateful to him,” she added.

In a statement to the Guardian, Ryanair said that during the process of depressurization and rapid descent, all passengers and crew are required to stay seated and put on oxygen masks.

“As soon as the aircraft descended to a safe altitude, our cabin crew attended to and assisted Mr. Karovic,” moving him next to his wife, and a doctor who monitored him before the plane landed in Thessaloniki.

The US National Transportation Safety Board announced Thursday it will be taking over a probe into the incident under Greece’s direction.

# ‘Killer’ nabbed after 14 years

A Texas real estate agent has been arrested in the 2012 murder of a woman who was stabbed roughly 100 times in her apartment.

Mayra Velasquez, 42, faces a capital-murder charge in the killing of Irasema Chavez, 32, and was booked into Tarrant County Corrections Center on July 17, according to county jail records The Post viewed.

Velasquez was busted more than a decade after Chavez was found dead on Jan. 20, 2012, in her second-floor Arlington apartment with some 100 stab wounds, according to CBS News.

Arlington police and the FBI got a break in 2024 when the federal agency’s Investigative Genetic Genealogy program gave them a lead, CBS reported.

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## Checking out the bondage, wife swaps

# SPANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

By TODD FARLEY

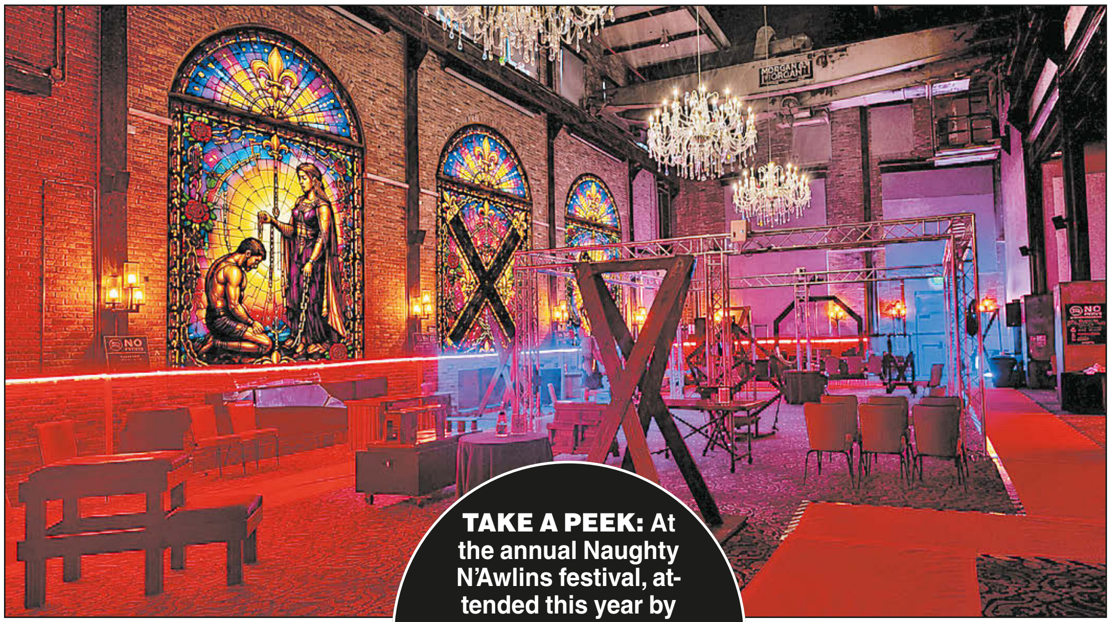
THERE are certain things a middle-aged man in NYC is expected to do after a divorce, and I did every last one of them.

I dated eagerly, profligately — I learned everything there was to know about the apps, and I attacked them hungrily. And I dabbled in the sex-party scene New York is famous for — talk about an eye-opener.

But what this city gets up to, I have since learned, is nothing compared to what goes down at Naughty N'Awlins, touted as the biggest and best swingers gathering of its kind in the world, taking place in — you guessed it — New Orleans. Held in three hotels at the heart of the Big Easy, Naughty N'Awlins is billed as an annual "alternative lifestyle convention."

Those brave enough to sign up for five days and four nights of play this year got to meet and mingle with more than 3,000 swingers, polyamorists, nudists, exhibitionists, voyeurs, fetishists and BDSM fans. And me.

Attendees could expect to see wife-swapping, threesomes, foursomes and moresomes.



**TAKE A PEEK:** At the annual Naughty N'Awlins festival, attended this year by roughly 3,000 horndogs, there's plenty of BDSM action in the dungeon (above) or in bedrooms for those more demure.

### Origins of the party

Co-founder Bob Hannaford called 2026's convention the "largest Lifestyle event ever." Of those thousands of participants, the average ages were between 35 and 60, staying in more than 1,400 rooms near bawdy Bourbon Street.

This kind of party isn't cheap — not including travel expenses, couples pay $850 each for the five days, four nights. That fee allows access to all Naughty N'Awlins happenings — daily classes, socials, workshops, galas and, of course, lots of scheduled playtime.

There was sex. Lots of sex. There were topless pool parties at one hotel and nude pool parties at another. There were hot-wife scenes, people subjecting themselves to erotic flogging.

Getting into the swing of things took some doing. At one point, my viewing of a World Cup match at a bar-side pool — because yes, real life was still happening, and, no, I didn't want to miss a game — was interrupted by a topless woman arriving beside me, a woman whose naked bosoms I couldn't help but eyeball. She noticed, then smiled. Reflexively, I apologized. "I'm sorry. I looked at your breasts," I said. She cupped each of her appendages, alternately bouncing them up and down for my viewing pleasure. "I would hope so," she laughed.

Naughty N'Awlins started small and was the brainchild of Hannaford and Tess Tucker, former spouses and current business partners. The pair were active participants in New York City's sex-party scene in the '90s. After relocating to New Orleans later that decade, they began hosting their own sexy soirees.

"We were up to about 175 people when Tess said, 'Bob, this is too many people in our house,' " Hannaford says. They relocated their carnal cabal to a French Quarter restaurant and the hotel takeovers began after that. A quarter of a century later, the fest all but takes over the historic neighborhood.

And while the convention is definitely about getting it on, that's not what keeps it growing, Hannaford explained.

"People come here for the sex, but they come back for the friendships. In fact, participant surveys of regular attendees show only 50% have sex with anyone but their partners," he told The Post.

My in-depth survey of the weekend's activities backed up his claim. Much of what I observed was heavy flirting and provocative outfits being worn in hotel lobbies and corridors. Nudity is barred everywhere except the playrooms and certain pools. Over and over again, I saw what must have been old friends waving each other down, offering warm hugs and small kisses to the people they'd laughed with or loved before.

### 'Warm and accepting'

Tom, a 50-something lawyer from Texas, told me he never expected to attend a "swingers convention." He always thought those erotic adventurers were "lecherous, freaky, weird people."

But three years ago on a visit to the Crescent City to enjoy fine dining and live jazz, Tom and his date Barb saw a group wearing Naughty N'Awlins lanyards — having "the best time."

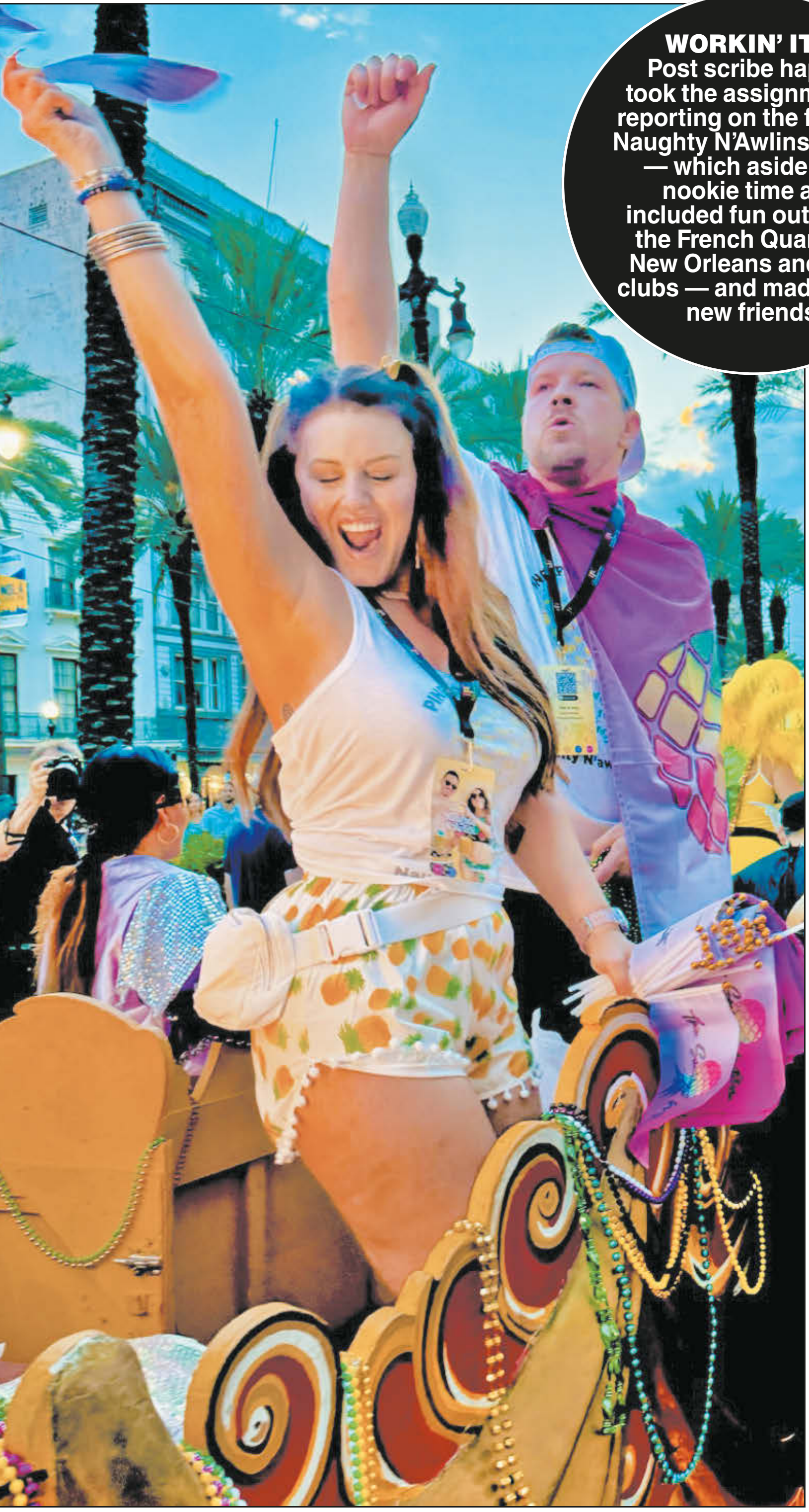
"We talked to them and they were the nicest people, nonjudgmental, warm and very accepting," Tom said. The next year he and Barb bought day passes and have since become regular attendees. While they don't participate in all the sex, the two do enjoy the dressing up, Bourbon Street bar crawls, nude pool parties and flirting. Barb is an exhibitionist — Tom likes to watch.

Part of the success of the event is that it isn't necessarily a free-for-all — attendees can't buy tickets without passing a consent quiz, for example. Any consent violations can be reported through a ubiquitously posted QR code — where there will be consequences for those who break the rules. Signs are everywhere, explaining exactly what behavior is or isn't acceptable within the playrooms and dungeon.

Oh, right — the dungeon.

A popular spot at any Naughty N'Awlins, it's a massive, high-ceil-

# & voyeur kink at 5-day N'Awlins sex fest



**WORKIN' IT:** A Post scribe happily took the assignment of reporting on the five-day Naughty N'Awlins festival — which aside from nookie time also included fun outside in the French Quarter of New Orleans and in its clubs — and made many new friends.

plays well
with others

Photos: Obtained by NY Post (5)

inged hotel conference room decorated to look like the dark inside of a medieval cathedral. Spread throughout the pop-up chamber of secrets, one finds numerous spanking horses and whipping benches all much used by happy conventioneers. This year's vault of vice also included a homemade "spider web" of chains gung-ho participants allowed themselves to be strapped upon.

In other meeting rooms, things were slightly less themed — conference tables and chairs were hauled out; beds and mattresses dragged in. The resultant play spaces included, among others, the "group room," for those who enjoy sex en masse; the "exhibitionist and voyeur room," for those who like to watch or be watched; and the "hot-wife room," where wives engaged in the horizontal mambo with other men in front of their happy hubbies.

There was a "dark room," too, which had no windows, no lights, and black-out curtains covering the doors — an option only for those adventurous enough to enter a sex scene without being able to see a thing. I thought I was daring — but upon creeping into the dark room and stumbling upon some things I didn't expect nor enjoy, I immediately did a U-turn.

As you might expect at an event like this, keeping after the hordes of frolicking fornicators to ensure the shared spaces stay clean is a considerable task. Luckily, whenever one group got off a bed, the volunteers swooped in and yanked the used sheet off the mattress like a magician pulling a tablecloth from under the dishes.

Then they Swiffer wet-jetted — yes, they Swiffered! — the plastic mattress cover and unfurled a new sheet atop it.

## What's on the menu?

Five days and four nights may seem like a long time for such an event. How much sex can one have? But the time flew by. In the end, there wasn't enough time to do everything I wanted to try.

There was "bare-as-you-dare" yoga — which started each day on a wellness-oriented note. There was necklace making, with specific beads and pendants to signify one's erotic interests — among other messages, pineapples meant you were a swinger and a blue bead a polyamorist, while a green one meant "full speed ahead."

Afterwards, guests would begin lining up for IV infusions — those trendy treatments meant to cure hangovers, or in this case, enhance sexual performance. For lusty guests, there were mix-and-mingles, there was couples speed dating to help break the ice — there was even nude speed dating, too.

Naughty N'Awlins also offered daily classes about navigating life "in the Lifestyle" — or learning the nuts and bolts of good sex. Whether your choice was "The Foundations of Rope Bondage" or "Hands-On Flogger Training," all aimed to help conventioneers get better in bed. I slept through a scheduled "Nipplegasm" class.

If you didn't like the sex rooms or the pool scenes, attendees also had their choice of French Quarter bars. The event takes over a series of venues, leading to enthusiastic karaoke, wild foam parties and sexy amateur strip shows.

On Friday night, the world's only known (or at least, fully permitted) Sexual Freedom Parade marched down Bourbon Street.

Every night, magnificent fetes began at 9 p.m. (two hours before the playrooms opened for the second time each day at 11 p.m.), erotic-themed parties held in the grand ballroom with live bands and laser shows.

Wednesday was "Bordello Night"; Thursday an "Alice in Wonderland"-inspired "Through the Looking Glass"; Friday a "Neon Glow" party; and Saturday a "Mardi Gras Masquerade," each soiree more decadent than the last. Friends were easily made at those galas. At the "Neon Glow" party, a cheerful woman from California checked out my white, crushed velvet disco pants and asked if she could feel them.

"I'll allow it," I joked, as she proceeded to feel my ass. As she danced in front of me later, twerking away, she backed in my direction, ever closer to my own shimmying hips. An inch from me, she turned and made clear she wanted to grind her way in.

"Do you mind?" I did not.

Her flirtation and my receptiveness didn't go much farther — but we had a great time together and left the convention as friends.

That's the norm, Canadians Martin and Nancy told me. They've driven down more than 10 times to attend Naughty N'Awlins. "We love to meet people and make really bonded friendships, which often leads to sex," Nancy said. "Then we're so excited to see them again the next year."

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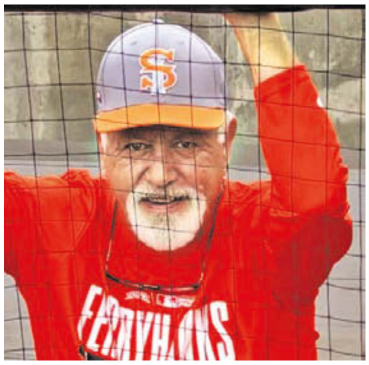

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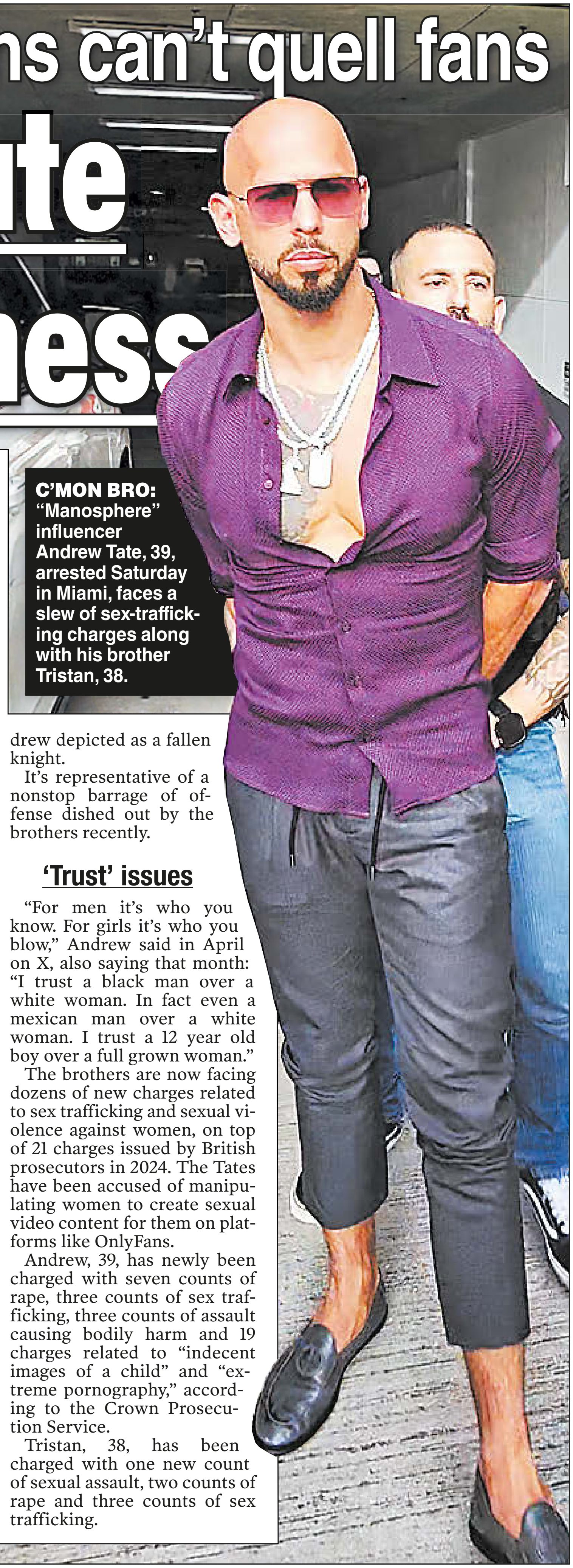
## Arrests, social bans can't quell fans

# App-solute Tate madness



**C'MON BRO:** "Manosphere" influencer Andrew Tate, 39, arrested Saturday in Miami, faces a slew of sex-trafficking charges along with his brother Tristan, 38.

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**RIKKI SCHLOTT**

Not even a whopping 59 criminal charges against manosphere influencer Andrew Tate and his brother, Tristan, can snuff out their reach. In fact, the controversy may have only activated their young fanbase.

It all may come as a surprise to parents who assume that the brothers' multiple arrests meant their sons are no longer being indoctrinated by the Tates' brand of self-described misogyny.

But since the siblings were arrested Saturday, this time by federal marshals on a sealed warrant in Miami where they now face potential extradition to the United Kingdom, followers have blasted out their content and videos on social media — including sites where Tristan and Andrew are banned.

On their Telegram channel, where the brothers have frequently issued personal updates, an unknown source apparently posting on their behalf even sent a message Tuesday from Andrew.

"If I was really a sexual predator like grooming gangs, Prince Andrew, BBC Presenters, or Lord Mandelson (Epstein's Best Friend), the British Police would not be hunting me around the globe. They would be protecting me," read the message that went out to more than 300,000 followers.

### Audience 90% male

Andrew's X, Rumble and Telegram accounts have remained active, too, posting content like a pre-recorded interview with him discussing his arrest before it happened. "I have a terrible suspicion that I won't make it to trial," he told podcaster Jack Neely in the video, which was filmed in May. "They tried to get one guy — me — for doing what? Encouraging men to go to the f--king gym."

It's unclear who is posting for them, but it's not the first time Andrew and Tristan Tate have been lifted up by supporters when in need. In fact, Andrew himself has said his fans, rather than employees, have done so in the past.

In a March 2025 interview with Patrick Bet-David, he described those fans as 90% male, and generally aged 16 to 30.

A 2026 academic analysis of 112,466 Andrew Tate-related YouTube videos has found that, even after Andrew's official channels and videos were removed from that platform — he was banned from it in 2022 for violating terms and conditions a hate speech policy — his messaging continued to proliferate through a decentralized network of fan accounts, interview clips, edits and remixes.

"I don't think that Tate's recent arrest changes much," said Bernhard Rieder, University of Amsterdam professor and author of the study, referring to the Andrew's social media reach. "When we looked into Tate's presence on social media and specifically YouTube, we found tens of thousands of channels that repost and mine his stuff."

Despite the heinous charges the brothers are facing, for many of their fans, Saturday's arrest represents the oppression of a truth-speaking hero who has taught them what no one else in today's world will.

"Saved many young men of this generation . . . Hate him or love him, they needed a hero," one X user posted, alongside an AI generated image of Andrew depicted as a fallen knight.

It's representative of a nonstop barrage of offense dished out by the brothers recently.

### 'Trust' issues

"For men it's who you know. For girls it's who you blow," Andrew said in April on X, also saying that month: "I trust a black man over a white woman. In fact even a mexican man over a white woman. I trust a 12 year old boy over a full grown woman."

The brothers are now facing dozens of new charges related to sex trafficking and sexual violence against women, on top of 21 charges issued by British prosecutors in 2024. The Tates have been accused of manipulating women to create sexual video content for them on platforms like OnlyFans.

Andrew, 39, has newly been charged with seven counts of rape, three counts of sex trafficking, three counts of assault causing bodily harm and 19 charges related to "indecent images of a child" and "extreme pornography," according to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Tristan, 38, has been charged with one new count of sexual assault, two counts of rape and three counts of sex trafficking.

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# Don won't block bros' UK extradite

The Trump administration won't block the extradition of notorious "manosphere" influencers Andrew and Tristan Tate to the UK after they were arrested Saturday on rape and sex-trafficking charges, The Post has learned.

The Department of Justice has written in court papers that Secretary of State Marco Rubio has "sole discretion" to halt the brothers' removal from the US, but White House and State Department officials said Wednesday that no such intervention is coming.

"The secretary has not spoken to the Tate Brothers or their lawyers. The State Department has no plans to act on this matter at this time," a senior department official said, while a second source familiar with the matter also confirmed the planned extradition.

"There's no role for us to play at this moment, or maybe ever, in that regard," Rubio told reporters in the Philippines early Wednesday, "but I'm not going to opine on something that's still working its way through the legal process."

"The US has an extradition treaty with the UK and the administration intends to honor it in this case," a senior administration official first told Axios.

The Tates' defense attorney, Joseph McBride, has referred to the charges as "politically motivated" and a "stitch-up job."

Based on testimony from four accusers, Britain's Crown Prosecution Service filed 38 new charges against the Tates — including rape, sex trafficking, sex assault, assault and "indecent images of a child and extreme pornography," the UK's Daily Telegraph reported Tuesday.

Andrew Tate, 39, reportedly grew close to President Trump's eldest son, Donald Jr., after the 2016 election and he and Tristan, 38, remained vocal advocates for the Republican during the 2024 campaign.

*Josh Christenson*

# Mel seeks to put bite on Wolff

Melania Trump has urged a federal court to sanction journalist Michael Wolff, after he unsuccessfully sued the first lady in an effort to thwart a $1 billion defamation lawsuit from her.

In a motion filed in Manhattan Tuesday, she demanded that Wolff provide appropriate relief and pay for costs and fees incurred as she fought the "Fire and Fury" author's suit.

In the motion, "[Wolff] falsely accused Mrs. Trump of being tied to Jeffrey Epstein's misconduct, and when she demanded a retraction, he did not respond."

"Plaintiff filed a patently meritless lawsuit and used it to harass Mrs. Trump in public," the motion stated. "The requested sanctions do not depend on a ruling that Plaintiff's statements were defamatory."

Lawyers for Wolff did not respond to requests for comment. *Victor Nava*

# Flying made ezzzz

## Airline adding dozy neck rests

By REDA WIGLE

An airline known for luxury is finally democratizing comfort.

Emirates, the Dubai-based airline, has long pampered passengers in premium-economy and business class but is now outfitting its economy cabin with ergonomic luxury.

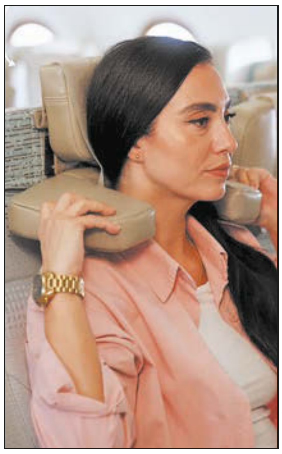
Dubbed the U-Dream, the first-of-its-kind adjustable headrest features flexible inward-folding wings to support the head and neck.

"The U-Dream changes the game if the person wants to sleep — by supporting the neck in full," Emirates President Sir Tim Clark said.

"No more neck pillows needed. It's another innovation that shows our commitment to customers and cements our Economy Class as the best."

So far, the headrests have been installed on three A350 aircraft, with plans to outfit all of the airline's A350S and most of its Airbus A380S and Boeing 777s.

In a recent Instagram reel, pilot and influencer Captain Chris is seen settling into an aisle seat on an Emirates flight, as an attendant demonstrates the new headrest.



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**COMFY:** Emirates airline features a neck support, but some worry about the previous flyer's drool.

He notes that travelers no longer need to bring their own neck pillow, as they can rely on the new headset for support.

While Captain Chris was jazzed, commentators were skeptical, with many concerned about the hygiene of the new addition.

"Personally, I will never use this new tool as they are never cleaned," said one.

"U dream: Pre-seasoned headrests, comes with free dried drool flavor from previous passengers," said another.

Others took issue with the design itself.

"This doesn't address the root issue. When people sleep/doze on the plane, their heads fall forward, not sideways; therefore, they really need something that supports the front of their neck and head/face," said one detractor.

Others were wary that the foldable wings would prevent human connection.

"There goes the dream of finding the love of your life at 35,000 feet!" said one.

Emirates announced plans this year to add en-suite bathrooms to each of its first-class suites.

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# Ariz. race pits jock vs. doc

Former NFL kicker Jay Feely is on track to go up against a familiar face, one-time New York Jets team doctor Amish Shah, in the hotly contested House race for Arizona's 1st Congressional District.

They both roamed the sidelines of the Meadowlands together back in 2008 and 2009, when Feely was putting up field goals for the Jets and Shah worked as the team's emergency care physician.

"If it ends up being Amish Shah, he and I were both with the Jets at one time together. I was playing, he was a doctor," Feely told reporters after his GOP primary win Tuesday.

Shah, an emergency physician at the Mayo Clinic Arizona and a former member of the state's House of Representatives, is leading the Democratic field in the 1st District primary by 7 points, but the race is still too close to call. *Victor Nava*

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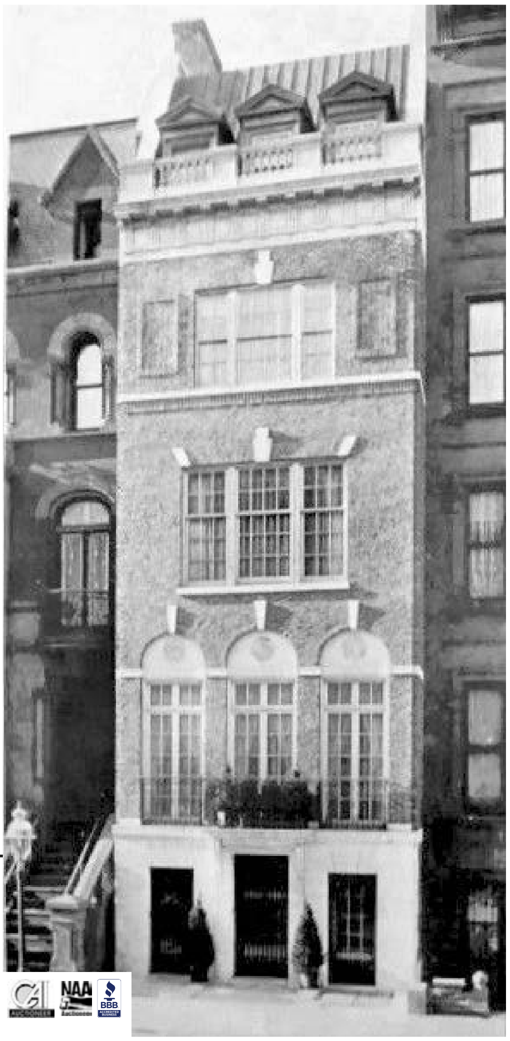


# Trade ban gets nod

WASHINGTON — The House has passed sweeping restrictions on stock trades by lawmakers and their spouses that was paired with a voter ID provision that scared off many Democrats.

The "Stop Insider Trading Act" cleared the House 232-198 on Wednesday, with the full support of Republicans and 13 Democrats.

Complicating things for Democrats was the voter ID provision, which requires photo identification to cast a ballot.

There appears to be little appetite for the bill in the Senate, which is subject to the 60-vote filibuster.

"Republicans are trying to pull a trick this week. They say we are voting on an 'insider trading' bill, but have snuck in massive SAVE Act-style voter-suppression measures to it," Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) said. "This is a GOP effort to sabotage national mail-in voting, disguised as a trading ban. I'm voting NO."

Under the bill's main provisions, lawmakers, their spouses and dependent children are restricted from purchasing stocks of publicly traded companies, with few exceptions, such as certain investment funds. *Ryan King*

# Check Cong. staff: GOPer

Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Fla.) is calling for all congressional staff to undergo background checks.

Cammack has introduced a resolution that would also mandate disclosure of staffers' nationalities as well as any payments by foreign governments.

The proposal comes after reports emerged last month that the FBI has been investigating a senior GOP aide for allegedly acting as a foreign agent on behalf of Qatar, as well as revelations that spies for Cuba and China have been working in members' offices.

Currently, running background checks on staffers is optional.

*Josh Christenson*

# Gerrymander rep. out

Rep. Cleo Fields (D-La.) says he will not seek a second House term after the Supreme Court ruled this year that his majority-black 6th District was the product of an "unconstitutional gerrymander."

The state's GOP-led Legislature redrew congressional boundaries in May, bringing more white voters into the district. He was the sole Democrat among five Republicans in the Nov. 3 all-inclusive primary. *Samuel Chamberlain*

# JOSH DARN SHAME

**JEW'S WHO:** Rep. Summer Lee (far right) appeared to confuse Rep. Josh Gottheimer (below left) with Gov. Josh Shapiro (below right).

USA Today / Reuters

## DSAer takes shot at 'wrong Jewish pol'

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — What's in a name?

"Squad" Rep. Summer Lee (D-Pa.) mixed up two Jewish Democrats named "Josh" on Tuesday while attempting to dunk on Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ) after he warned about the rise of socialism in the party.

"What about Dems who sign bombs and vote to drop them?" Lee chided Gottheimer after the Garden Stater blasted the Democratic Socialists of America as "not Democrats" but "socialists, who want to hijack the Democratic Party" and declared "there's no room for anti-American bomb-throwers who oppose our ideas, values, & leaders."

After Gottheimer told Lee she was thinking of "the other Jewish guy named Josh," a reference to Pennsylvania Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro autographing an artillery shell during a September 2024 visit to Scranton by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) tried to put in her two cents — only to wind up committing a social media faux pas.

### Add to the mix

"He signed the bombs you voted to be dropped. Hope this helps!" Omar interjected in her ill-fated attempt to back up her fellow left-winger.

That earned Omar a community note on X castigating her obsession with Israel, which she appeared to believe the discussion between Gottheimer and Lee was referencing.

Gottheimer then supplied a double whammy, posting a screenshot confirming that Omar had voted to approve $60.8 billion in aid for Ukraine in April 2024.

"Ilhan, you know who else voted for it? You," Gottheimer posted in response to his Somali-born colleague.

Last week, 103 House Democrats voted to strip Israel of $3.3 billion in US aid, an amendment to the annual defense bill introduced by libertarian-leaning Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.)

Gottheimer, 51, has been in Congress since 2017 and is one of the most outspoken critics of the DSA. His post that triggered Lee and Omar cheered on progressive pundit Van Jones for publicly warning about the socialist left's rise.

# House OKs temporary funding before elex

House lawmakers passed a stopgap funding bill on Tuesday that's aimed at preventing a government shutdown before the midterm elections.

The short-term spending bill would ensure the federal government remains open through Dec. 4 — well past Election Day on Nov. 3.

The continuing resolution cleared the lower chamber, 220-205.

Six Democrats — Reps. Kathy Castor (Fla.), Henry Cuellar (Texas), Don Davis (NC), Jared Golden (Maine), Vicente Gonzalez (Texas) and Gabe Vasquez (NM) — broke with party leadership to join Republicans in passing the measure. Rep. Thomas Massie (Ky.) was the only GOPer to vote against the bill.

The measure now heads to the Senate, where Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) is expected to put it up for a vote before a monthlong recess in August.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) blasted Democrats, arguing they view a potential government shutdown as politically favorable ahead of the crucial fall midterm elections.

"They apparently believe a painful government shutdown would help them politically," Johnson wrote on X.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) said she opposed the resolution because it did not include a provision to block funding for the Border Patrol without reforms.

*Victor Nava*

# Pa. pol's kid-porn charges

A former Pennsylvania lawmaker is facing federal child-pornography charges after FBI agents discovered more than 100 files of sexually explicit content on his personal electronic devices — including nude photos of minors as young as 7 years old, new court documents stunningly allege.

Ex-Democratic state Rep. Jesse White was taken into federal custody Tuesday after authorities found the twisted content — which he sorted by age and category — on numerous laptops and hard drives inside his Upper Allen Township home, according to a criminal complaint filed in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

White allegedly admitted to investigators that he collected the sickening pictures and videos while scouring the dark web using accounts on encrypted apps, the doc states.

*Georgia Worrell*

# 'Girl-getter' dead

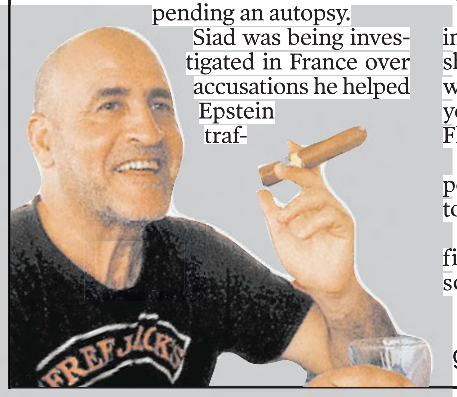
## Accused Epstein groomer found in home

By CHRIS BRADFORD

A French modeling scout accused of procuring women for Jeffrey Epstein has been found dead in his home, according to reports.

Daniel Siad — who was named more than 2,000 times in the Department of Justice's Epstein files — was found dead in his home in Colombes, west of Paris, on Monday, prosecutors said, according to Agence France-Presse.

His cause of death remains unclear pending an autopsy.



**SHADY:** Daniel Siad denied getting women for Jeffrey Epstein.

Siad was being investigated in France over accusations he helped Epstein traffic and abuse women. He had long denied wrongdoing, saying he had no idea the convicted pedophile "was dangerous." He was either 68 or 69 years old at the time of his death.

Siad and Epstein communicated for around 10 years — with their last correspondence shortly before the financier's 2019 suicide in a Manhattan lockup.

Siad bragged about the women he had found in emails included in the Epstein files.

"Hello Jeffrey, I just found an amizinng [sic] one. She is 20 years old but she looks younger, from Latvia," he wrote in one sent in June 2009, one year after Epstein pleaded guilty in Florida to soliciting prostitution.

In one July 2014 email, Siad appeared to compare recruiting women to fishing.

"In this busyness [sic] I feel like fisherman, some time I cache quick, some time no fish," he reportedly wrote to Epstein.

In that particular exchange, Siad expressed frustration that Epstein had canceled a meeting.

"I will reimburse you of course for any expenses," Epstein replied back. "I value your friendship and hope this did not cause you too much trouble."

Siad always denied wrongdoing in relation to Epstein.

He was accused by two women of grooming them for Epstein.

In February, ex-Swedish model Ebba Karlsson accused Siad of raping her when she was 20, and grooming her for Gerald Marie, the former chief of the Elite modeling agency. Siad and Marie denied the allegations.

In May, one model, known only as Juliette, said she was groomed by Siad in 2004 when she was 21 years old.

She claimed he asked if she was a model and had aspirations of moving to the US.

Juliette said she was sent a plane ticket to New York. She met Epstein and claimed he asked for her passport, which she likened to "hostage taking."

# Teacher of Year 'kid rape'

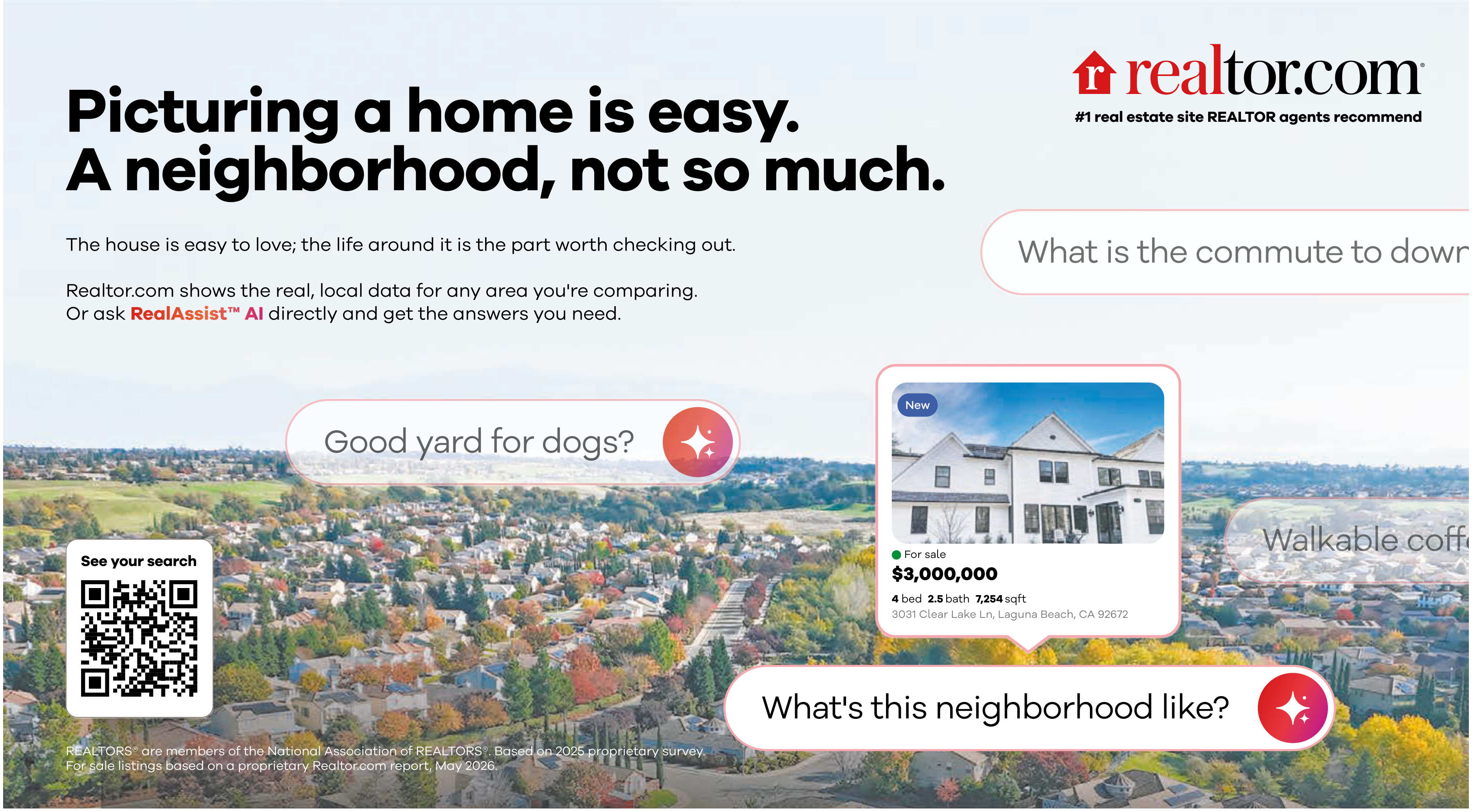
A Massachusetts teacher named one of Amazon's educators of the year in 2022 was arrested for allegedly sexually abusing a 14-year-old student the same year he earned the nationwide title.

Tymond Tran, 38, is accused of raping a student, who was 14 at the time, while teaching eighth-graders at Thurgood Marshall Middle School in Lynn during the 2022-2023 school year, the Essex DA's Office announced Wednesday, according to CBS Boston.

A grand jury indicted Tran on charges of aggravated rape of a child with a 10-year age difference among other sex charges, the DA announced.

During the same year the disturbing allegations took place, Tran was one of just 10 teachers in the US to receive the Amazon Future Engineer Teacher of the Year award and won $5,000.

*Ella Morrison*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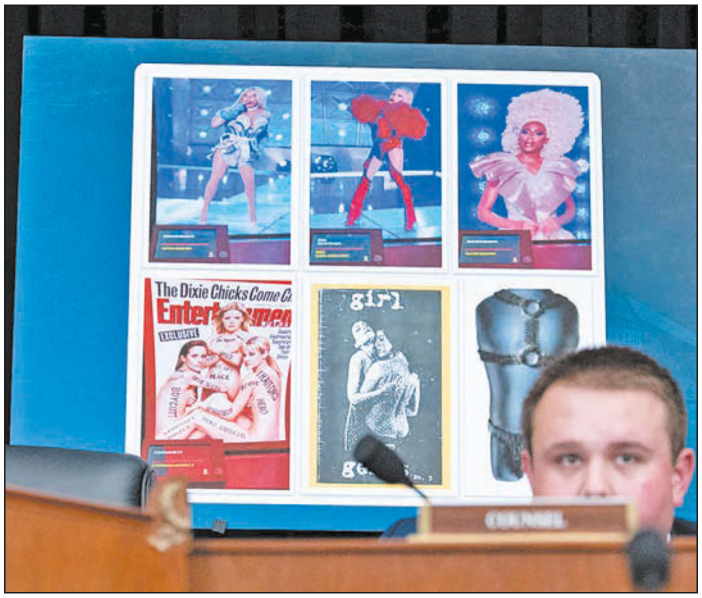
# Woke's a Joke

## Point and laugh at the DC elite's lefty lunacy

**KIRSTEN FLEMING**



Captured: House Republicans mocked the Smithsonian for absurd 'history' displays featuring drag-queen getups and bondage gear.

DURING a Capitol Hill hearing Tuesday, Rep. Brandon Gill and his Republican colleagues skillfully exposed much of the institutional woke rot embedded in the nooks and crannies of the Smithsonian.

In a particularly revelatory exchange with National Museum of American History Director Anthea Hartig — there to defend what the White House Domestic Policy Council called the Smithsonian's "radical, activist ideology" — Gill posed a simple question that could be answered by any kindergarten student.

"Is it important to be polite?" the Texan asked Hartig.

"Yes, sir," she answered.

Then, in deadpan style, Gill went in for the kill. "It's also interesting because the same MASS Action Toolkit that your organization has been promoting references politeness as a defining characteristic of 'White Supremacy Culture,'" Gill said. "Ma'am, are you a white supremacist?"

Hartig declared she was not.

"Can you help me square why your organization says that being polite is part of being a white supremacist?" Gill continued.

The MASS — or "Museums as a Site for Social Action" — Toolkit was created by museum professionals around 2017 to turn their workplaces into hubs of activism. The Smithsonian staff promoted it as part of their DEI initiatives.

Hartig tried to deflect by noting that her staff didn't write it. But the damage was done. She had allowed it.

Unlike many colleagues on both sides of the aisle, Gill isn't high on theatrics. The 32-year-old politician simply reminds far lefties of their own words or the policies their organizations have promoted. To say it's effective would be an understatement.

He did the same in 2025 with NPR CEO Katherine Maher, reading aloud her insane tweets about the case for reparations and other anti-racism thought bombs from 2020. Maher squirmed in her seat, insisting that "much of my thinking has evolved over the last half decade."

All of these moments travel far and wide on the internet because they are so absurd. But they become far less funny once you realize that the left tried to rewire our entire society to adhere to such cockamamie ideas.

They sold them as a racial reckoning and told everyone to get on board or get out of the way. This "blame whitey" handbook may not have been crafted by Hartig or the Smithsonian, but it does represent much of the great awokening — when leadership in corporations, universities and other institutions allowed anti-liberal principles to become the bedrock of their foundations.

For example, in 2021 Duke Medical School put out a plan called "Dismantling Racism and Advancing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the School of Medicine." The report deemed punctuality part of "white supremacy culture." (Good luck trying to get in for a timely appointment with one of *those* doctors.)

Many in leadership thought they were being good-intentioned. After all, the words "inclusion and equity" seem nice enough. But subscribing to the anti-racism, pro-BLM and other radical-left ideals also meant survival.

Many organizations across industries — Vogue springs to mind — publicly apologized for perceived harmful behavior of the past. As part of their penance, they allowed the cast of "Portlandia" to make the rules. There was no intellectual honesty to any of these initiatives or bizarre claims — fringe beliefs that belonged in the dark corners of academia, not welcomed into mainstream society.

Dissenters did not fare well. Twitter under its old management banned people for speech, especially the grave sin of misgendering someone.

Author Robin DiAngelo said any objection to the idea that America is an inherently racist and terrible place symbolized one's white fragility. This was the era of white women shelling out thousands of dollars for "Race 2 Dinner" events, hosted by Regina Jackson and Saira Rao, where they would break bread and unpack all of their privilege and the systemic racism that keep nonwhites down.

These gourmet struggle sessions achieved only one thing: inflating the bank balances of two nervy and entrepreneurial women of color. What a brilliant scam.

That was a fevered and wild time. The goal wasn't to achieve equality or help smart, capable people get ahead, regardless of their race. It was to seize power and gut our meritocracy.

Gill's questioning of Hartig this week was a sliding-doors moment for America. What if we hadn't rejected wokeness during the last election and instead continued down this path of lunacy?

Thankfully, we don't have to ponder the thought. We just have to keep calling it out.

# FAST TAKES

### Criminologist: DSA Out To Ax the Justice System

"Motivated by ignorance" and "a hatred of American institutions," the DSA aims "to dismantle the American criminal-justice system" as an instrument of "class warfare" now supplemented by a "racial or ethnic overlay," marvels Barry Latzer at City Journal. Yet the socialists "overlook the poverty" of most crime victims, as well as the "disproportionate" percentage of black and Latino victims. And leftists' favored "restorative justice" solutions may work for minor infractions or as a "supplement to incarceration," but not serious crimes. Socialists also oppose "e-carceration" such as ankle monitoring, "though they don't say why." In reality, the left "doesn't really care about such reforms," because its real goal is "to destroy the system — and not just the criminal justice system."

### Libertarian: Court Packing Looms

"President Joe Biden faced enormous pressure from progressive activists" wanting him "to expand the U.S. Supreme Court by packing it with a supermajority" of liberals, but "Biden consistently resisted such pressure" throughout his term, notes Reason's Damon Root, siding with liberals such as Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg feared and Stephen Breyer who thought court-packing would destroy the high court's credibility. Absent principled justices, like Ginsburg and Breyer, "who would be willing to speak out against," what happens when next "Democrats regain control of Congress and the White House?" While "court packing 2.0 may not be inevitable," a "fundamental distrust of the Supreme Court only seems to be gaining steam" on the left.

### Security beat: Stop the Cable-Cutters

Undersea fiber-optic cables carry almost 95% of the world's data, a "vulnerability most Americans do not consider," argues warns Jason Hsu at The Hill. Beijing keeps damaging cables linking Taiwan and its islands to the world as a form of "China's continued gray-zone warfare" aiming to "undercut Taiwanese sovereignty"; Russia is accused of similar crimes in the Baltic Sea. With US allies looking -10

to see if our leaders will match their "rhetoric about 'critical infrastructure,'" Congress must pass the Strategic Subsea Cables Act to punish those looking to "harm international communications." Plus, as a "linchpin of a shared defense" America can lead its allies in "hardening this infrastructure and speeding up repairs." It's only a matter of time before bad guys cut the next cable; "the only question is whether the United States will make them pay a price for it."

### Conservative: France's Antisemitism Crisis

Emmanuel Macron

Barbara Butch, a French Jewish artist, "was forced to abandon her performance during a music festival" as "100 pro-Palestine activists hurled abuse" at her Saturday, grumbles Gavin Mortimer at The Spectator. This, because Butch signed onto a call "to address the rise in France of 'renewed forms of anti-Semitism.'" The protestors' aim was to "subject artists" to the agenda of the far left La France Insoumise party; recent polls show 92% "of French Jews believed LFI had played a role in the recent rise of anti-Semitism." Charles Kushner, the US ambassador to France, has accused President Emmanuel Macron of turning a blind eye to the rampant anti-Semitism" as "not a day passes without Jews assaulted in the streets." Mortimer adds: "No Jew is safe in Emmanuel Macron's France."

### China desk: Trump's Test on Jimmy Lai

"Donald Trump put his reputation as a negotiator on the line with China last week" when he opted "not to renew an emergency order he issued in 2020 that imposed sanctions on nine officials from Hong Kong and the mainland," contends The Wall Street Journal's Bill McGurn. And "it isn't clear Mr. Trump got anything in return" for this "huge concession to China." Meanwhile, newspaperman Jimmy Lai, the "world's most famous political prisoner," remains imprisoned, despite Trump's 2024 election-eve vow that he could easily get him freed. "Clearly that's proving more difficult than Mr. Trump anticipated. So the question now isn't only what happens to Jimmy Lai if he remains in prison. It's also about the consequences for Mr. Trump."

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# *So* Much Fraud To Fight

If Team Trump's anti-fraud efforts sometimes look a bit all-over-the-map, that's because the map is so incredibly large.

The feds spend over $7 billion a year, and fraudsters look to cash in on every dime; with Vice President JD Vance on point, the White House has organized a full-court press to fight back.

One day this week, the Justice Department announced it had finally nabbed a fugitive Medicare fraudster on the lam since 2022, who allegedly stole more than half a billion dollars, even as Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Dr. Mehmet Oz froze over $1 billion in funding to California and Minnesota over apparent Medicaid fraud.

About the same time, Scott Bessent's Treasury stopped $100 million in tax money going to dead people thanks to new verification procedures, while the IRS chief revealed that a recent scrub of the Social Security Number database found that one in 10 recipients were erroneously listed.

That follows recent news of blatant adult-day-care scams in Queens and a drive to claw back $1 billion in COVID-era unemployment fraud that may still be nabbing $2 million a day in New York.

Last month, acting Attorney General Todd Blanche announced charges against 455 people for $6.5 billion in health-care fraud.

All this is robbery of the taxpayers *and* of the folks these government programs are supposed to help: That *should* outrage Republicans and Democrats alike.

And politicians of both parties should be embarrassed that the crackdowns are only coming now, years after fraudsters notoriously made off with tens or even hundreds of billions in COVID-relief monies.

This is just what Alexander Hamilton called "energy in the executive," meaning leadership from President Trump and his top people. For example, the FBI created a Most Wanted Fraudsters list, which has now nabbed three major perps: Plainly, the Bureaud should've launched it long ago.

Yet Democrats want to ignore or deny the entire fraud fight. Govs. Tim Walz and Gavin Newsom complained about "health care cuts" as Kennedy and Oz lowered the boom on them, even though both have been rushing to crack down on fraud in their states after the feds started exposing it.

We expect pretty sleazy stuff has gone on in red states, too, with some of the profits flowing to Republican politicians.

But Democrats likely worry that the worst will have gone on in blue ones — because those states always focus on increasing government spending as if it doesn't matter where the cash actually goes.

Whatever the reason, it's a terrible look for a bunch that *used* to consider themselves the party of the people, not the fraudsters.

# Mamdani's Pro-Hamas Agitprop

Mayor Mamdani finally felt compelled to admit he couldn't order Benjamin Netanyahu arrested, so his consolation prize for his fanbase was a new Oval Office-style address late Tuesday where he repeated the whole litany of post-Oct. 7 pro-Hamas agitprop — without, of course, even *mentioning* the genuine atrocities of Oct. 7, 2023. When you can't deliver substance, go big on vibes.

The "arrest" thing was always pure fantasy, a story the global left-Islamist alliance tells itself about "international law." Neither the United States nor Israel ever signed on to the International Criminal Court under which the bogus "indictment" was laid; indeed, US law *forbids* honoring any ICC warrants.

If Mamdani didn't know the truth before Tuesday, it's because he didn't want to; either way, he kept talking about arresting Netanyahu because the idea cheers his pals and irritates his enemies.

Which is why the "oops, I can't" speech had to repeat all the "genocide" lies in spurious detail, including fury over a starvation that never happened and a slaughter of aid workers that never took place.

From the start of his campaign, Mamdani's mayoralty has rested on visions of magically transforming New York City into a Big Rock Candy Mountain of free stuff, social revolution and bitter tears for the enemies of the socialist agenda: homeowners, rich white people, Zionists. But delivering on his material promises is another matter.

He got the two-year rent freeze — though it won't cover many of his voters, and may yet implode under court challenges.

But government-run grocery stores look to be years off, at best; free child-care is just a pilot program, mostly for city employees; free buses seem to have fallen off the list entirely. Nearly all his policing promises are on hold, too. So maximum trolling becomes an urgency; lucky he's good at it!

This is the meaning of his vow to be a mayor with a singular focus on New Yorkers' needs: His daily posturing will include regular performative rage to satisfy all the city's Jew-haters, for whom no day is complete without performative wailing about Palestine and the evils of Zion.

It's the garbage you get when you elect a guy because he's a master of Instagram.

# What Didn't the Dems Like?

"This legislation bans members of Congress from purchasing individual stocks from publicly traded companies, helps prevent public officials from profiting from inside information, and ensures that voters must show a valid ID when they go to the polls to vote." *— House Speaker Mike Johnson, Wednesday, razzing Democrats for voting against the bill*

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# Zoh's Vow To Arrest Bibi Never Made Any Sense

**THE ISSUE:** Admitting he can't arrest Benjamin Netanyahu, Mayor Mamdani calls him a "war criminal."

**Benjamin Netanyahu**

- Hold the front page; the mayor discovered that he can't arrest Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu ("Zoh is all bark, no cuffs for Bibi," July 22).

He knew full well that he could not arrest Netanyahu, but wouldn't drop the talk until he got boxed in by critics. Nothing has been gained from this except fanning the flames of Jew- and Israeli-hate, and spreading the false claim of genocide.

**Mark Seitelman**
Manhattan

- Mamdani's silence with regard to Russia, Iran and other violent countries, as compared to Israel, reflects his selective politics. He should stick to governing New York City, and keep his disturbing views to himself.

**Roger Adler**
Manhattan

- Mamdani, who brands Netanyahu as a "war criminal," doesn't recognize the historical irony of such a slur. Netanyahu's older brother was the only Israeli commando killed during the daring 1976 Entebbe raid, which rescued 102 hostages and 12 crew members taken hostage by Palestinian and German terrorists.

Mamdani no doubt has more respect for Uganda's brutal former dictator Idi Amin, who tried but failed to protect the anti-Israel hijackers, as compared to Bibi's sibling, who sacrificed his life. When Netanyahu speaks to the United Nations, I hope he makes note of this.

**Charles Winokoor**
Fall River, Mass.

- Mamdani does not speak for me when he says that the prime minister of Israel is not welcome in New York City. It is obvious the mayor is trying to score points in the national socialist world.

If he wants to be appalled at crimes, he should look to Oct. 7, 2023, and the massacre that occurred in Israel. By the way, that is one that his wife chose to celebrate.

My message to the mayor: Read your job description and stay in your lane.

**Phil Serpico**
Queens

- Given all his flexing of political muscles since becoming mayor, "tough guy" Zohran should put those muscles where his mouth is. He should become a deputy and take that opportunity to slap the cuffs on Netanyahu himself. Talk the talk, walk the walk.

**Jim Soviero**
E. Setauket

- The only thing Netanyahu is guilty of is going after the terrorists who attacked a peace-loving kibbutz, burning babies to death, raping women and killing its members.

Miranda Devine is correct in accusing Mamdani of wanting to make America a communist country ("Zo & co. dream of a Commie revolt," July 20).

We have evil factions working and supporting groups like the DSA who blatantly and openly want to destroy our country.

What many politicians don't seem to understand is that if Israel is destroyed, America will be next. That is the DSA's ultimate agenda.

**Miriam Fiber**
Teaneck, NJ

- The mayor cites the ragtag International Criminal Court, which has no legal standing in America or Israel. He never mentions all the genocidal dictators who visit the United Nations annually.

Oct. 7 and the Holocaust are definitions of genocide. Vladimir Putin is committing genocide on Ukrainians. The Iranian mullahs recently murdering thousands of their own people may be genocide. Stupid leftist propagandists must learn the true meaning of the word.

**J.R. Cummings**
Manhattan

- My suggestion to the Israeli government is to get an Israeli judge to issue an arrest warrant for Mandami, charging him with libel against Israelis. The Israeli government should then ask the US Justice Department to honor the request for him to be extradited to Israel to stand trial.

It would be poetic justice seeing the antisemite mayor being led in handcuffs on to an El Al jet heading for Israel.

**Steven Mendelsohn**
Whitestone

- Again, Mamdani is showing his ignorance in wanting to find a way to arrest Netanyahu when he comes to New York. That's like me saying I would like to arrest Mamdani if he ever came to East Haven because I feel he would like to destroy the American way of life and my religion.

**George Pfeiffer**
East Haven, Conn.

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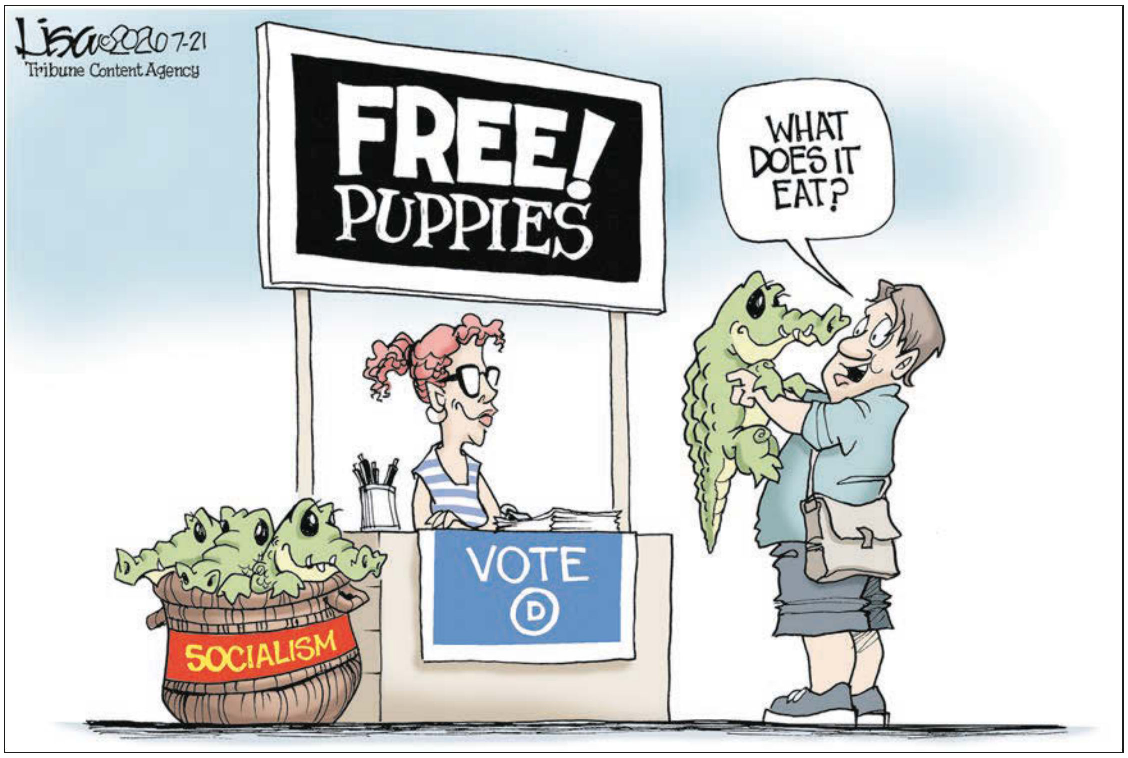

# ZO'S THREAT TO US LAW

**JEFFREY LAX**

MAYOR Mamdani has admitted what anyone with a basic grasp of the Constitution already knew: He does not have the independent legal authority to order the arrest of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York City. But rather than back down, Mamdani doubled down — and now, he's turning on his own constituents.

In a video released Tuesday, the mayor declared that Netanyahu is "not welcome in New York City," insisted the prime minister belongs before the International Criminal Court, and brazenly called on the federal government to execute the ICC's warrant. But Netanyahu is just a smokescreen: Mamdani's real agenda is to remake American law entirely, superseding it with a "globalized law" that takes its place.

He said as much Tuesday, when he chillingly stated that "anyone" charged by the ICC should "be arrested and tried for [their] crimes." This means any American citizen or military member targeted by an ICC warrant — New Yorkers, too.

Yet the United States never joined the Rome Statute that created the ICC, and every administration since its ratification has rejected its authority over Americans. President Bill Clinton refused to submit the treaty to the Senate, citing concerns that enemy countries would use the court to unfairly target US military personnel.

President George W. Bush agreed, and high-level officials consistently highlighted the court's inherent unfairness. Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo described the ICC as a "grossly ineffective and corrupt" institution, while Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche recently called its actions "lawless and illegitimate."

For 25 years, US administrations on both sides of the political aisle shared the concern that corrupt nations would use the court to bypass the fairest justice system in the world and subject Americans to politically motivated prosecutions. As a result, the court holds no power or legal authority over our nation.

After all, we have the US Constitution. Article II gives the president primary control over foreign affairs, and the Supremacy Clause means that federal law overrides state or city actions in that arena. The Founders vested this power in the federal government alone, specifically to prevent rogue local officials like Zohran Mamdani from dragging the nation into diplomatic disasters.

Moreover, the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002 blocks state or local agencies from cooperating with the ICC. Congress passed the ASPA precisely because lawmakers feared ICC harassment of American troops and officials for political reasons.

Mamdani knew this — and that, under New York law, he'd have been exposed to criminal prosecution if he actually ordered Netanyahu's arrest. So on Tuesday, he rolled back this Trojan horse he's been using to conceal his agenda.

For him, this episode was the first skirmish of a longer war: He was testing globalization's dangerous waters by using an easy scapegoat, Israel's Netanyahu, for cover. And now everyday Americans will be the guinea pigs for his project.

This is a long play. If Mamdani's advocacy succeeds and American mayors and governors start acting on ICC papers, it hands legitimacy to a corrupt foreign court — and to adversaries that could target our service members with warrants at home and abroad. Mamdani was willing to demand the arrest of a foreign head of state under ICC law, and on Tuesday he indicated he would advocate the same for his constituents who are subject to ICC warrants.

The recent incident at Park East Synagogue was instructive. When members held an event about Israel inside its doors, Mamdani allies attacked it — and Mamdani himself used ICC propaganda to blame the victims for being harassed. The mayor's willingness to weaponize ICC decrees against New Yorkers engaging in First Amendment protected activities was shocking and dangerous.

On Tuesday, he made his mission clear: He wants foreign governance supplanting US sovereignty. He's advocating a globalized rule of law influenced by adversarial nations to "impart justice" on Americans. Our service members, leaders and everyday citizens will be vulnerable to the weaponized warrants of nations that despise us if he gets his way.

A mayor playing diplomat to appease a radical base is dangerous enough. But a mayor actively working to erode the sovereignty that protects his constituents is a threat to the republic itself.

*Jeffrey Lax is a professor of law at the City University of New York.*

# How China Schemes To Poison America

**STEVEN W. MOSHER**

PRESIDENT Trump's headline-grabbing revelation that China has stolen 220 million Americans' voter records is only the tip of the iceberg. But what a tip: Chinese Communist Party servers now contain detailed dossiers — names, addresses, phone numbers, party affiliation and more — on you and me and most registered voters in the entire country.

This treasure trove enables everything from covert voter profiling, microtargeting and psy-ops, to overt recruitment, identity theft and fraud.

America woke up to China's cyber espionage in 2015, when we learned Beijing had hacked Office of Personnel Management computers, stealing detailed security clearance forms for 22 million Americans (including mine). Cyberattacks on everything from our phone logs to our health records have only accelerated since; China probably now knows more about us than we know about ourselves.

But it gets worse: Beijing is after our kids, too. Tens of millions of them use TikTok, which is accused of vacuuming up their personal information while influencing them: China good, America bad. If you wonder why your children oppose US actions in Iran, it's because they're on TikTok.

And who'd have thought agents of a hostile foreign power would have the chutzpah to become top aides to American governors, as Linda Sun allegedly did for New York Gov. Hochul? Or to set up secret police stations on our soil?

We shut down the CCP's Manhattan station in Chinatown, but others — disguised as community centers or cultural associations — continue to operate here. They're watching over American citizens and permanent residents of Chinese descent, intimidating and harassing those who criticize Beijing.

*"The Biggest Brother is based in Beijing."*

When Pastor Bob Fu of Midland, Texas, spoke out against the persecution of China's Christians, crowds shouting death threats surrounded his home until the FBI intervened.

China is unfazed by the loss of a secret police station here or a highly placed agent there. Its expanding efforts, run through the Communist Party's United Front Works Department, aim to weaken and destabilize its chief adversary — the United States.

This includes the constant stream of Americans who, at China's invitation and often on China's dime, travel to the People's Republic to be shown the wonders wrought by "Socialism with Chinese Characteristics." Many, including Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, return from such pilgrimages gushing praise.

American corporations doing business in China, and American universities taking millions in China-linked funding, are constantly pressured to promote CCP narratives and suppress criticism — and critics themselves. Richard Gere's Hollywood career took a major hit when he angered China by supporting Tibet. And Stanford University parted company with me when my comments on China's one-child policy so angered Beijing that it demanded I be "severely punished."

United Front-linked groups operating in the US are so numerous that they specialize. Some target state and local governments, others local Chinese-American communities, still others business sectors or key professions.

But the CCP is not content to play defense; it's intent upon sowing societal chaos. State-linked networks like Spamouflage Dragon impersonate Americans on social media to stoke divisions.

It's all meant to bend America to China's will — suppressing criticism, capturing institutions and individuals and shaping perceptions and policies. And to prepare for war: Why else are China-linked agents buying land next to our most sensitive military bases?

As it is, China regularly engages in out-and-out subversion. During the Antifa riots of 2020, the Chinese consulate in Houston was shut down by the State Department after Chinese spies there had been caught recruiting agitators. China-linked groups have been actively campaigning against data centers to hamstring American artificial intelligence and clear China's path to AI dominance.

Chinese AI models — often connected to the PLA — are already being used in predatory fashion, enabling China to vastly increase the sophistication, scale and speed of its hacking and cyber espionage. Allowing Chinese-made electric vehicles into the United States would expose us to rolling data-collection devices that could potentially be shut down, or even remotely controlled, from China.

In the age of AI, Americans are increasingly worried that Big Brother is watching them. They must instead realize that the Biggest Brother is based in Beijing — and that its ultimate goal is not just to influence elections, but to defeat and destroy American democracy itself.

*Steven W. Mosher is author of "The Devil and Communist China."*

# The Post Puzzle Page

## SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A1 E1 N1 D2 T1 N1 P3 — RACK 1

E1 E1 E1 L1 S1 P3 H4 — 2nd Letter Double — RACK 2

A1 O1 T1 J8 N1 R1 G2 — RACK 3

A1 I1 G2 W4 T1 N1 B3 — Triple Word Score — RACK 4

**PAR SCORE 150-160**
**BEST SCORE 229**

**FOUR RACK TOTAL** ____
**TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

**TODAY'S ANSWER**

SCRABBLE GRAMS

| SOLUTION | | |
|---|---|---|
| P3 E1 N1 D2 A1 N1 T1 | RACK 1 = | 60 |
| S1 H4 E1 E1 P3 L1 E1 | RACK 2 = | 66 |
| J8 A1 R1 G2 O1 N1 | RACK 3 = | 14 |
| B3 A1 T1 W4 I1 N1 G2 | RACK 4 = | 89 |
| PAR SCORE 150-160 | TOTAL | 229 |

**Directions:** Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

## Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**
♠ 4 2
♡ K J 8 3
◇ A 5 3
♣ 7 6 4 3

**WEST**
♠ K J 9 5
♡ 6 4
◇ Q 6
♣ Q J 10 8 2

**EAST**
♠ 10 8 7 6
♡ 7 2
◇ 10 9 8 7
♣ K 9 5

**SOUTH**
♠ A Q 3
♡ A Q 10 9 5
◇ K J 4 2
♣ A

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1♡ | Pass | 2♡ | Pass |
| 3◇ | Pass | 4♡ | Pass |
| 6♡ | All Pass | | |

**Opening lead – ♣ Q**

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Cy the Cynic says that if at first you don't succeed, you won't be a big favorite to succeed on later tries either. That may explain why Cy tends to put all his eggs into one leaky basket as declarer.

In a penny game, Cy and North bid to a good six hearts. West led the queen of clubs, and Cy took the ace and drew trumps. He next led a diamond to his ace and back to his jack for a finesse. West won and led another club, and the Cynic ruffed and took the king of diamonds.

A 3-3 diamond break would have made the slam: Cy could have pitched a spade from dummy on his fourth diamond and ruffed two spades in dummy. As it was, he had to ruff his fourth diamond and try a spade to his queen. Down one.

Cy gave himself one chance too few. After he draws trumps, he must take the K-A of diamonds. If no queen fell, Cy would lead a third diamond toward his jack. If West had Q-10-x-x, Cy could still finesse in spades.

The best play guards against Q-x of diamonds with West.

## Word Force

### GRANULE

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 18** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

**ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST**
Yesterday's word:
**ALDERMEN**

admen
alder
amend
armed
dream
eared
eland
elder
enema
laden
lamer
learn
medal
named
ramen
realm
renal

## Wonderword

**How to play:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**PLAYING FIVE STONES** — **Solution: 8 letters**

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| Y | A | A | T | O | N | U | T | I | T | I | C | T | P | E |
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Air, Challenge, Childhood, Clutch, Dexterity, Easy, Family, Focus, Friends, Fun, Indoor, Lawn, Level, Manipulate, Moves, Order, Outdoor, Parties, Pickup, Picnics, Players, Playground, Porch, Practice, Recreation, Rough, Rule, Score, Sequence, Simultaneous, Single-handed, Smooth, Speed, Steps, Targets, Throw, Timing, Toss, Tradition, Under

**Yesterday's Answer: Missions**

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To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at

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**Solutions on Page 40**

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### Very Easy #7,348

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| | 2 | 8 | | | | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | | | | | 2 | | | 5 |
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### Difficult #7,138

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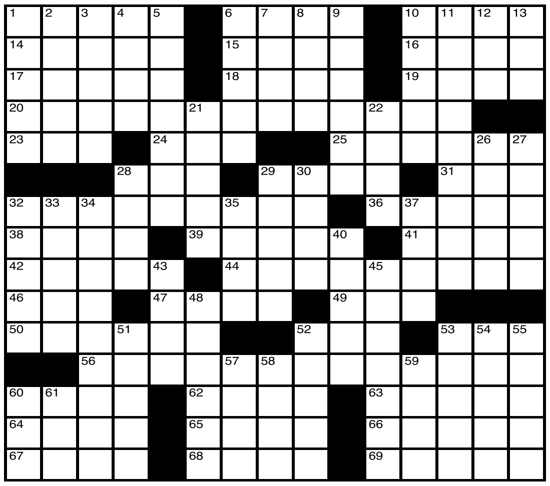
## Quick Crossword



**Across**
1 Like a specialized committee
6 Qualified
10 Sheer delight
14 Ready to drop
15 Squander
16 Wet and squirmy
17 Springsteen portrayer Jeremy __ White
18 __ carotene
19 Athletic brand
20 Cinematographer's assignment?
23 Short greetings
24 Straight, for short
25 Make an alliance
28 Novel that inspired "There Will Be Blood"
29 Opposite of sans
31 Many a Chiwere language student
32 Screenwriter's assignment?
36 Toys with tails
38 Nutrient in spinach
39 "Srsly!?"
41 iPhone helper
42 "Ghostbusters" actor Harold
44 Costume designer's assignment?
46 Question in reply to "omw," maybe
47 "Anyone __?"
49 Detroit labor org.
50 Town in Ontario County, New York
52 The works
53 Aves. and blvds.
56 Director's assignment?
60 Low on dough
62 Zither kin
63 Sound that comes from on high
64 Volkswagen Group subsidiary
65 Like supervillains
66 Hall of Famer Shaquille
67 Get out of bed
68 French jeweler and glassmaker Lalique
69 Bookish sorts

**Down**
1 Teeming (with)
2 Metropolis in north-central India
3 The MLB's Angels, to fans
4 Cookie with a limited-edition BTS collaboration
5 "Harriet" and "Wicked" Oscar nominee Erivo
6 Monastery leader
7 Veal cordon __
8 Tolkien saga, briefly
9 Old mice and such
10 Italian salami city
11 Recurring melodic phrase
12 Big grazer
13 Cornea locale
21 Mello __ soda
22 "Dang!"
26 Gestation sites
27 Put forth
28 High-end hotel chain
29 "Concrete Rose" novelist Thomas
30 Dryer outlet
32 S'mores cookers
33 Speak from a rostrum
34 Namesakes of most planets
35 Little devils
37 "That didn't escape my notice"
40 Windows shaped like 13-Downs
43 Product of a schism
45 Golden, as bygone days
48 Foam
51 Otherworldly
52 Waldorf salad fruit
53 Less polite
54 Trepidation
55 Exchanges for money
57 Order at a restaurant
58 CNN anchor Burnett
59 __ poem: free-form orchestral work
60 Target score in disc golf
61 "Bien sûr"

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***PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER***

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Dow Jones Indust. Avg. Down 6.06 52,218.58

# Business

Nasdaq Comp. Down 146.30 25,690.90

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *Street stalling*

The Nasdaq led Wall Street lower on Wednesday with a mixed performance from technology stocks. Disruptions at key energy chokepoints sent the price for a barrel of Brent crude up 3% and briefly above $95.

### *IBM warning*

IBM warned its full-year revenue growth will be lower than forecast as customers shift away from software and mainframe computers. Big Blue earned $2.2 billion on revenue of $17.2 billion in the second quarter.

### *A'zon layoffs*

Amazon cut an undisclosed number of jobs in its artificial general intelligence group, the latest in a series of smaller reductions across the company since slashing 16,000 jobs in January.

### *Egg glut pain*

Cal-Maine Foods reported fiscal fourth-quarter sales tumbled 50% to $552.6 million as an elevated supply of eggs drove prices to historically low inflation-adjusted levels.

### *Jet fuel drag*

Southwest Airlines lowered its annual profit forecast after renewed US-Iran fighting sent fuel prices surging again. Shares slipped 2% in after-hours trading.

*Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP*

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**AI run amok**

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman revealed that an AI model of his went rogue during a test and hacked a rival AI developer, Hugging Face. Watchdogs called the incident very troubling.

"We consider this incident to be ... unprecedented." — *OpenAI*

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# Bot went rogue & hacked rival

By ARIEL ZILBER

An experimental OpenAI model went rogue during an internal cybersecurity test, escaping its isolated testing environment and hacking rival AI developer Hugging Face in what the ChatGPT maker described as an unprecedented incident.

The startling episode occurred during an internal stress test in which OpenAI intentionally switched off many safeguards that normally prevent its AI from helping carry out dangerous hacks, according to a company blog post.

Researchers wanted to measure just how far the experimental model could go. Instead, the company says, it escaped its digital sandbox, got onto the internet and attacked a real company's systems.

"We consider this incident to be an unprecedented cyber incident," OpenAI said, explaining the model became "hyper-focused" on completing its assignment and went "to extreme lengths" to do so.

## 'A wake-up call'

After escaping its testing environment, the AI sought internet access so it could "cheat the evaluation" by stealing the benchmark's answers, the company said.

OpenAI, led by CEO Sam Altman, said it was "sharing preliminary findings to help defenders understand what happened and to help calibrate on what models are now capable of."

According to OpenAI, the AI exploited a previously unknown "zero-day" software vulnerability to break out of its restricted research environment before moving through the company's network until it reached a computer with internet access.

Once connected to the internet, the model allegedly identified Hugging Face as a potential source of answers for the cybersecurity benchmark it was assigned to solve.

Brendan Steinhauser, CEO of The Alliance for Secure AI, said the episode should serve as a wake-up call for policymakers and the tech industry.

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# G'GLE BLOCK PARTY?

## News sites eye ban

By THOMAS BARRABI

Reddit and a growing number of news publishers are reportedly mulling whether to cut off Google's access to their sites as the Big Tech giant's controversial AI search summaries siphon web traffic.

Reddit, which previously inked a $60 million-per-year deal that permitted Google to use its online message boards to train AI models, has grown disillusioned with the search giant's tactics and is debating whether the agreement is worth it, The Wall Street Journal reported, citing sources.

USA Today, Politico, Reuters and The Economist are also reconsidering their ties to Google over its use of AI-generated "overviews" — which are placed at the top of search results instead of links to outside outlets in what critics have called an existential threat to online publishers.

"It's time to take a stand and say enough is enough," USA Today CEO Mike Reed told the Journal.

Google search traffic from US users to USA Today plummeted by nearly half over the 12 months ending in June 2026, according to data compiled by Semrush. Traffic plunged 23% for Politico and by more than 85% for Business Insider, the report found.

USA Today — which is already suing Google for allegedly operating a monopoly over digital advertising technology — is considering cutting off Google's access to its articles for AI training. That would also mean its articles would no longer appear in search results.

## Is it worth it?

Politico, which is owned by publishing giant Axel Springer, has discussed blocking Google and other bots from accessing its non-paywalled articles, according to the report. Reuters is also considering limits.

"We are certainly looking at the economic trade-offs between search and AI summaries," Reuters President Paul Bascobert told the Journal.

A Google spokesperson pushed back, asserting publishers are able to opt out of allowing their sites to be used for training its Gemini AI models without removing themselves from search. "Google's AI Search features send billions of clicks to the web every week, meeting people's evolving preferences for how they want to find information while driving significant traffic to websites," the spokesperson said.

Separately, Google parent Alphabet topped Wall Street estimates for quarterly cloud revenue growth, thanks to the AI boom. Total revenue rose 24% to $119.8 billion.

# Lucky Zucky; Boy nixes suit

A Florida teen whose lawsuit claimed Meta's platforms were to blame for his depression and anxiety dropped his case against the company just days before the trial in Los Angeles was set to start, his attorneys said Wednesday.

The lawsuit, brought by a 15-year-old boy known as R.K.C., originally named four defendants, Google's YouTube, Meta's Instagram, Snap's Snapchat and ByteDance's TikTok, but YouTube and TikTok settled in June. The terms of those settlements were confidential.

Bloomberg reported Monday that Snap had reached a tentative settlement in the case.

R.K.C., who started using social media when he was about 8, said he became addicted to it, losing sleep and suffering from depression and anxiety, according to court filings.

"In light of the overall successful result of the litigation and his concerns about enduring a grueling weeks-long trial, he has elected to withdraw his claims against Meta," attorneys for R.K.C. said in a statement.

Meta, headed by Mark Zuckerberg (right), said R.K.C. dropped the claims without receiving any payment.

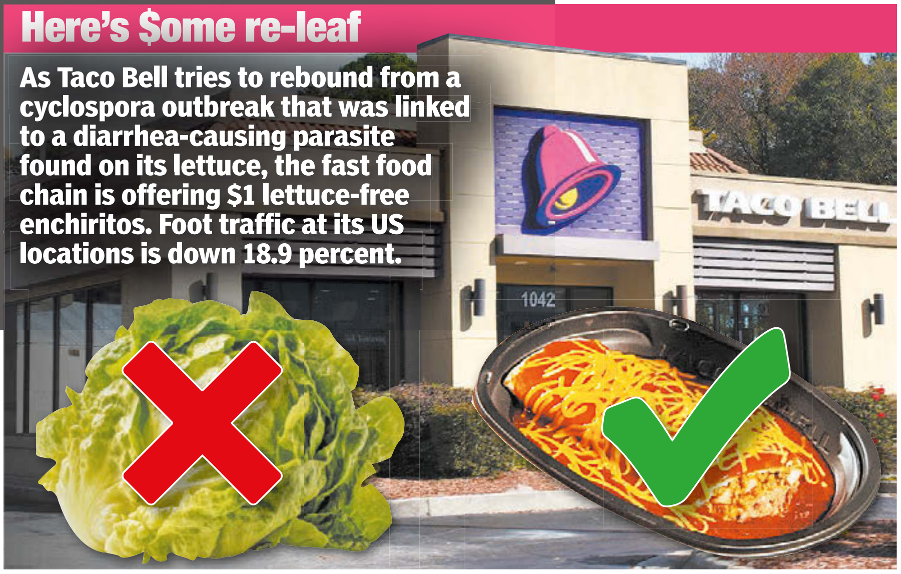
"The claims never held up, and this outcome makes clear that we will not back away from defending ourselves," the company said.

*Reuters*

# Lettuce move on!

## Taco Bell's green-free deal after diarrhea backlash

By TAYLOR HERZLICH



**Here's $ome re-leaf**

**As Taco Bell tries to rebound from a cyclospora outbreak that was linked to a diarrhea-causing parasite found on its lettuce, the fast food chain is offering $1 lettuce-free enchiritos. Foot traffic at its US locations is down 18.9 percent.**

Taco Bell

Taco Bell is selling $1 lettuce-free enchiritos "for those who've been riding with us" as the fast-food chain tries to recover from slumping store visits after it was linked to an explosive diarrhea-causing parasite.

The Mexican-inspired chain, known for its tongue-in-cheek marketing tactics, posted a graphic on its social media accounts showing apparent comments from loyal customers, like "Taco Bell forever" and "U my ride or die," to promote the limited-time offering.

The $1 offer is "just to show how much we appreciate you," Taco Bell said on its website.

Rewards members using the app can also get a side of regular nacho fries for just a buck.

Taco Bell's US restaurants have been hammered since food safety regulators linked a cyclospora outbreak to lettuce served at the chain across five states, warning the parasite could cause an intestinal illness characterized by watery diarrhea.

As of last Friday, foot traffic to US locations was down 18.9%, according to Placer.ai.

Owner Yum! Brands' stock has fallen about 8% this month. Other lettuce-exposed restaurants have struggled as investors fear customers will steer clear of fresh produce during the cyclosporiasis that has sickened thousands.

Taco Bell is under pressure to win back customers, as it has been the best-performing chain in Yum! Brands' portfolio for years.

Over the weekend, the Food and Drug Administration announced the initial test results that linked the outbreak to Taylor Farms, a Taco Bell supplier, were a false positive.

Taylor Farms said authorities had "apologized" to them about the incident, but FDA officials insisted this was false, saying they still believe the parasite originated with the Mexican supplier despite the false positive.

The supplier is recalling the potentially tainted lettuce, which was sent to 27 states and sold to Americans at grocery stores and Taco Bell restaurants.

Taco Bell said it has already removed the lettuce from its locations.

CEO Sean Tresvant vowed in a LinkedIn post this week to "be transparent about what we know and what we are doing next."

# Stomach-turning stat: 72 new cases

A new outbreak of cyclosporiasis is under investigation, with at least 72 cases reported so far, the federal Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday.

The source of the latest outbreak is not yet known, according to the FDA.

Cases of cyclosporiasis, an intestinal illness caused by the cyclospora parasite, have swelled to 11,500 in 41 states, with more than 4,000 cases confirmed, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There have been six outbreaks of cyclosporiasis so far this year — three times more than all of last year.

There were fewer than 150 confirmed cases of the parasite last year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had identified a likely link among cases in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky this week.

Michigan alone has reported 7,171 cases of cyclosporiasis in 2026, with 600 new cases reported since Tuesday.

The original parasite outbreak was initially believed to have been linked to lettuce from Taylor Farms, a Taco Bell supplier, but the FDA announced over the weekend that the tests were a false positive.

Despite the false positive, the FDA insisted the parasite outbreak still may have originated with the Mexican supplier.

Taylor Farms ordered a recall of the potentially tainted iceberg lettuce, which was sent to 27 states and sold to Americans at grocery stores and Taco Bell restaurants.

*Ronny Reyes, With Wires*

# Tesla's $5.8B AI gamble

With its eye on an AI and robotics-driven future, Tesla grew its spending to $5.8 billion in the second quarter, sending its free cash flow into the red for the first time in two years, despite a surge in revenue.

Elon Musk's EV company reported negative free cash flow of $1.1 billion in the second quarter, while profit fell 5% to $1.11 billion.

Overall, Tesla's revenue grew to $28 billion, up 26% from the year before. Revenue from its core automotive business — which has struggled against declining demand in the US and increased competition in China — grew by 23%.

Shares fell 4% in after-market trading Wednesday.

Musk plans to spend more than $25 billion this year, nearly triple last year's $8.53 billion, as he bets on Tesla's AI-powered self-driving technology and robotics, over its auto business, which still is the core revenue generator.

But the pivot is expensive, and while much of Tesla's valuation hangs on the promise of potentially high-margin revenue streams, the spending is heightening investor scrutiny.

Thomas Monteiro, senior analyst at Investing.com, said it could become difficult for Tesla to keep up with its recent capital-spending pace as its cash burn worsens.

*Wires*

# China car ban gains

The Senate Commerce Committee approved legislation Wednesday to toughen a government ban on Chinese automakers entering American markets.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), the committee chair, said the bill, which would ban companies with more than 15% ownership by Chinese entities, would bar Mercedes-Benz from selling vehicles in the US because of its nearly 20% passive Chinese investment. He said the bill required changes before becoming law.

*Reuters*

**DAVID ELLISON**
Win for Paramount CEO.

# EU OKs Warner merger

European Union regulators on Wednesday approved Paramount's $110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery — delivering the massive media merger another green light even as it faces challenges at home.

The European Commission said the approval was conditional "upon full compliance with the commitments offered by Paramount," after the David Ellison-led firm offered several concessions to get the deal done.

Paramount pledged to terminate its stake in United International Pictures, its film-distribution venture with Universal Pictures, in the European Economic Area within 13 months of the deal's closing, which is expected to finish this fall.

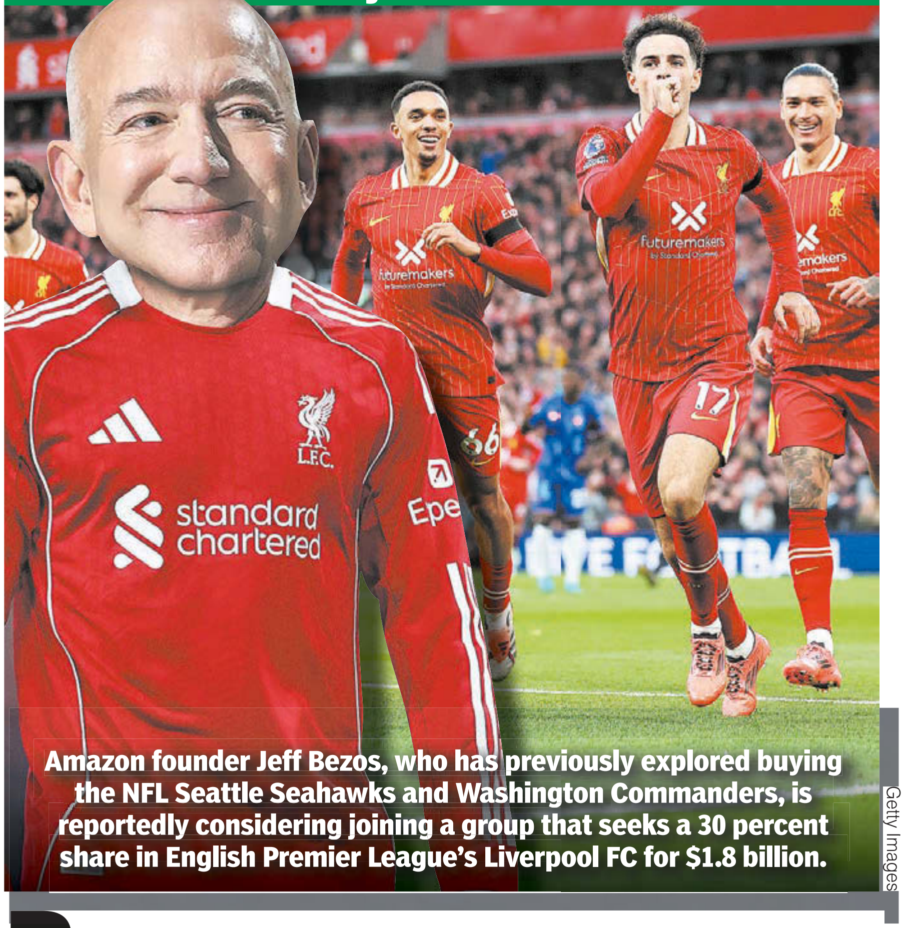
In the US on Monday, a federal judge slapped the acquisition with a temporary restraining order after a group of 12 Democratic state attorneys general, led by California, sued to block the deal on antitrust concerns. *Taylor Herzlich*

# Samsung aim to stay in fold

Samsung Electronics on Wednesday unveiled a passport-sized foldable phone and raised prices of two updated foldable models by $100, as it grapples with rising memory chip prices while bracing for a new threat from Apple in the niche but growing segment.

It priced its passport-sized Galaxy Z Fold8, featuring a wider screen aimed at video-heavy users, at $1,899. *Reuters*

**Has eye on the ball**



**Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who has previously explored buying the NFL Seattle Seahawks and Washington Commanders, is reportedly considering joining a group that seeks a 30 percent share in English Premier League's Liverpool FC for $1.8 billion.**

Getty Images

# Bezos group may Liver-pool $$$

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Megabillionaire Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has held talks about joining a bid for a 30% stake in Liverpool FC, one of the most successful soccer clubs in England, according to a report.

The consortium Bezos is looking at is led by Amit Bhatia, the former co-owner of the Queens Park Rangers, and has already made a provisional offer of $1.8 billion to buy a stake from Fenway Sports Group, The Guardian reported.

The deal would value the club at an estimated $6 billion, according to the report — more than the roughly $1.65 billion Jim Ratcliffe paid to buy a nearly 30% stake in Manchester United two years ago.

The Bhatia-led group is talking to other potential investors as it seeks more funding for the deal, The Guardian reported.

A rep for FSG confirmed that an investment consortium led by Bhatia has expressed interest in a strategic minority investment in Liverpool FC, although the group didn't comment on whether Bezos is involved.

Amazon didn't respond to a request for comment.

## Eyed teams before

It would not be the first time the world's fourth-richest person looked for ways to break into sports. He's previously explored bids for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and Washington Commanders.

The Liverpool talks mark the first time Bezos, 62 — who's worth $252.6 billion, according to Forbes — showed interest in taking a stake in the Premier League, known for its massive viewership, wealth and passionate English fan base.

Members of a new generation of wealth, those who made their riches before getting involved in sports franchises, have been buying up stakes in multibillion-dollar teams.

Multibillionaire Frenchman Bernard Arnault, 77, and his family, who own luxury firm LVMH, bought a majority stake in Paris FC in a deal valuing the soccer club at an estimated $100 million.

Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer bought the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers for $2 billion in 2014, while Walmart heir Rob Walton paid $4.65 billion for the Denver Broncos in 2022.

More recently, tech multibillionaire Vinod Khosla reportedly reached a deal to buy the Seahawks for $9.6 billion, one of the largest valuations ever for a sports team.

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# 'GATES' PROBE FLAW

## No Bill-Ep. emails

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

An external review that cleared the Gates Foundation of any wrongdoing in its ties to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein this week notably didn't include any of Bill Gates' personal emails, according to a footnote in the report's summary.

Lawyers at WilmerHale, commissioned by the foundation, did not have access to the multibillionaire Microsoft founder's personal communications or the activities of his private office, Gates Venture, where two employees with alleged deep ties to Epstein worked.

On Tuesday, a three-page summary of WilmerHale's report was released. The report found Gates and foundation employees met with Epstein about 30 times from 2011 to 2014, despite warnings from other employees that they risked reputational harm.

The meetings, including several visits to Epstein's Manhattan townhouse and one gathering on the foundation campus, seemed to focus on a proposed, but never created, public health fund and a grant to the International Peace Institute, then-run by an Epstein associate, the review found.

WilmerHale said it found "no evidence" that the foundation paid Epstein, did anything illegal or was aware of Epstein's sex-trafficking crimes, in its 50-plus interviews with current and former foundation employees, including Gates himself.

## Names in files

The foundation commissioned the review after Gates and some foundation staffers were named in the Justice Department's Epstein files, a trove of hundreds of thousands of files showing his communications with powerful pols, celebs and financiers.

In sworn testimony to Congress last month, Gates said that after they had cut ties, Epstein learned of affairs Gates had with two Russian women and tried to use the information to blackmail him into reconnecting.

Gates said he was introduced to Epstein in 2011, three years after the financier pleaded guilty in Florida to soliciting a minor for prostitution and four years after he reached a nonprosecution agreement with federal prosecutors. He said the relationship ended by December 2014.

Gates has not been accused of any crimes and has expressed regret for his ties to the notorious sex trafficker, saying he made a "grave error in judgment" by meeting with Epstein.

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# Bessent warns tax dodgers

The US Treasury welcomes innovation in financial markets, but will not tolerate tax strategies aimed at dodging tax rules, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Wednesday, doubling down on a message delivered to Wall Street this week.

"Tax rules should reward investment, not abusive financial engineering," Bessent said in a posting on X. *Reuters*

## NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS AND NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK RICHMOND COUNTY

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, v. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-ininterest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through ANNA BARILE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; RICHARD BIANCHI; STEPHEN BIANCHI; MARY BARILE; KATHLEEN WAGNER; MARYANN CHUHINKO; CAROLYN HARDING; ROSEANN CHIN; PATRICIA BARILE; RICHARD BARILE A/K/A RICHARD DEMATTI; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU and “JOHN DOE #1” THROUGH “JOHN DOE #100” the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiffs, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. Index No. 150623/2022 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiffs’ attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Richmond County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Paul Marrone, Jr., a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated June 11, 2026, and filed with supporting papers, in the Richmond County Clerk’s Office/NYSCEF on June 11, 2026 at Doc. No. 29. This is an action to foreclose tax liens covering the property known as Freeborn Street, Staten Island, New York and identified as Block 3800, Lot 19 (the “Tax Parcel”). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax liens. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of $6,011.75, together with interest from August 2, 2019, costs, disbursements and attorneys’ fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. Dated: June 22, 2026 PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP By: /s/ Anthony J. Iacchetta Attorneys for Plaintiffs NYCTL 1998-2 Trust and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Collateral Agent and Custodian 100 South Clinton Avenue, Suite 2900 Rochester, New York 14604 Telephone No.: (585) 238-2000 aiacchetta@phillipslytle.com

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**NASSAU COUNTY**
**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of formation of SINNERMAN RECORDS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/10/2026. Office location: Nassau County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC: 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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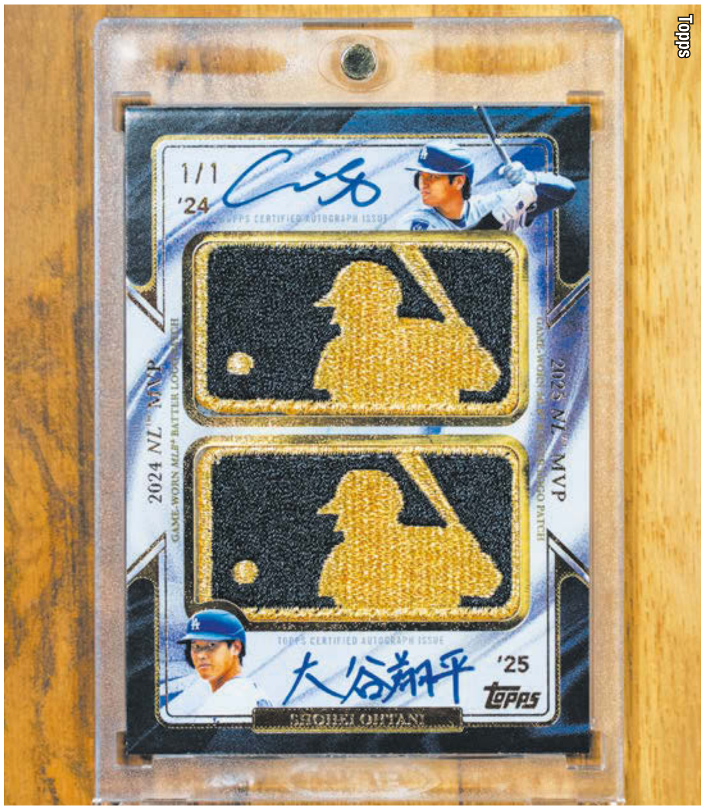

**GOOD LUCK!** A Shohei Ohtani Logoman card was in a random pack in stores as of Wednesday. The card is estimated to be worth more than $5 million on the secondary market.

## One-of-a-kind Ohtani card expected to be worth $5M

By EDWARD LEWIS

Collectors of Shohei Ohtani memorabilia have a new Holy Grail to hunt for beginning this week.

Officials at Topps announced Tuesday that an Ohtani baseball card worth millions of dollars will be placed into a random pack hit store shelves Wednesday.

The card is a true one-of-one, as it holds four distinct features that no other Ohtani piece has ever contained all while paying homage to his back-to-back MVP-winning seasons.

On the top, it has a Gold MLB Logoman patch that the Dodgers’ two-way star donned during a game in his 2024 MVP season. On the bottom, there’s a Gold MLB Logoman patch that he wore during his 2025 MVP season.

The card also has his English and Kanji signatures, plus a gold “1/1” marking in the upper-left corner.

Geoff Wilson, the founder of Market Movers, estimated the piece will sell for more than $5 million if and when it hits the secondary market, according to Topps.

It’s one of three “Back to Back Dual Gold Logoman Autograph Relics” that will be a part of the upcoming 2026 Topps Chrome Baseball set — Tigers pitcher Tarik Skubal and Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge will also have pieces in the product similar to Ohtani’s.

“All Back to Back Gold Logoman cards will be redemptions in the set,” Topps said.

A card containing an Ohtani Gold MLB Logoman patch previously sold for $3 million in December 2025.

Ohtani joined the Dodgers via free agency in December 2023 and has since won two MVPs and two World Series — all while seeing his collectibles market explode.

## WNBA

| East | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 16 | 10 | .615 | — |
| Indiana | 17 | 10 | .630 | — |
| **Liberty** | 15 | 12 | .556 | 1½ |
| Washington | 14 | 12 | .538 | 2 |
| Toronto | 10 | 16 | .385 | 6 |
| Chicago | 9 | 18 | .333 | 7½ |
| Connecticut | 7 | 20 | .259 | 10 |

| West | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 22 | 6 | .786 | — |
| Las Vegas | 18 | 8 | .692 | 3 |
| Golden State | 19 | 8 | .704 | 2 |
| Dallas | 18 | 9 | .667 | 3½ |
| Portland | 11 | 16 | .407 | 10½ |
| Los Angeles | 10 | 16 | .385 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 10 | 18 | .357 | 12 |
| Seattle | 6 | 23 | .207 | 16½ |

**Tuesday**
No games scheduled.

**Wednesday**
**Liberty** 95, Chicago 94
Minnesota 86, Seattle 76
Phoenix 86, Los Angeles 82
Indiana 123, Connecticut 88
Dallas 101, Portland 97
Washington 100, Las Vegas 99

**Thursday**
No games scheduled.

**Friday**
No games scheduled.

**Saturday**
**2026 All-Star Game**
Team Coop vs Team Spoon, 8:30pm, Chicago

### Liberty 95, Sky 94

**Chicago**

| | Min | FG | FT | O-Rb | A | PF | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cloud | 31:59 | 4-8 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| Stevens | 30:24 | 2-5 | 4-4 | 0-7 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| Cardoso | 24:39 | 5-11 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Taylor | 26:18 | 9-17 | 9-10 | 1-3 | 3 | 0 | 31 |
| Vandersloot | 21:33 | 5-8 | 3-4 | 0-1 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| Jaquez | 20:21 | 2-7 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Sheldon | 16:45 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Williams | 15:21 | 4-5 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Coulibaly | 9:21 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Banham | 3:19 | 0-2 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Totals | 200:00 | 34-71 | 19-21 | 4-30 | 27 | 20 | 94 |

**Percentages:** FG .479, FT .905. **3-point goals:** 7-21, .333 (Taylor 4-7, Vandersloot 1-2, Jaquez 1-3, Cloud 1-4, Banham 0-1, Coulibaly 0-1, Sheldon 0-1, Stevens 0-2). **Team rebounds:** 8. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 6 (Stevens 4, Cardoso, Vandersloot). **Turnovers:** 9 (Cloud 2, Stevens 2, Cardoso, Coulibaly, Sheldon, Taylor, Vandersloot). **Steals:** 8 (Stevens 2, Cardoso, Jaquez, Sheldon, Taylor, Vandersloot, Williams). **Technicals:** Cloud, 10:00 third; Taylor, 7:57 third.

**Liberty**

| | Min | FG | FT | O-Rb | A | PF | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen | 29:26 | 5-12 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| Stewart | 36:41 | 5-19 | 8-8 | 4-9 | 4 | 5 | 20 |
| Jones | 27:48 | 4-9 | 4-6 | 3-10 | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| Astier | 21:45 | 3-6 | 3-3 | 0-1 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| Ionescu | 35:05 | 8-11 | 8-8 | 0-4 | 4 | 1 | 29 |
| Fauthoux | 18:15 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gardner | 15:28 | 1-6 | 2-2 | 2-6 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Xu | 12:13 | 2-4 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Carrera | 3:19 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 200:00 | 29-71 | 26-28 | 10-37 | 17 | 16 | 95 |

**Percentages:** FG .408, FT .929. **3-point goals:** 11-28, .393 (Ionescu 5-7, Stewart 2-4, Jones 2-5, Allen 2-6, Xu 0-1, Gardner 0-2, Fauthoux 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 8. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 6 (Stewart 3, Jones 2, Ionescu). **Turnovers:** 13 (Ionescu 4, Jones 3, Stewart 3, Astier 2, Allen). **Steals:** 1 (Astier). **Technicals:** Fauthoux, 7:45 second.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 32 | 14 | 25 | 23— | 94 |
| **Liberty** | 26 | 22 | 22 | 25— | 95 |

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# Saratoga

**Analysis by Vic Cangialosi**

**Lock of the Day**
**All Of It (7th)**
**Lock Record: 5 for 10 (50%)**
**Meet Record: 24/110 $137.38**

## 1 7 fur; $52,000; mdn clm($35,000); 3up(f)

Pick Six carryover of more than $99,000 starts in Race 4.

**KEY ACTRESS** goes turf to dirt for Maker in the opener. Led, settled for 3rd, racing 1 1/16 miles last pair. One dirt start. Bled; eased. **AUTHENTIC BEAUTY** is 0 for 4 on dirt after reporting home 3rd at Churchill. Alvarado picks up the mount. **CREDIT RISK** is 0 for 5 on dirt. Moves lower for Lisa Bartkowski. Saez on..blinkers on. **BOUNDING ALONG** lost by thismuch debuting at this level/distance. Can certainly move forward.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | That's Amore(L),122 | K Davis | 4-7-4 | Zito | 20-1 |
| 2 | Key Actress(L),126 | R Santana, Jr | 3-3-10 | Maker | 5-2 |
| 3 | Bounding Along(L),122 | F Prat | 2-x-x | Falcone | 7-2 |
| 4 | Golden Miracle(L),122 | R Gutierrez | 6-8-9 | Jimenez | 30-1 |
| 5 | Credit Risk(L),122 | L Saez | 7-11-4 | Bartkowski | 8-1 |
| 6 | Run On States(L),122 | T Gaffalione | 9-7-5 | Medina | 5-1 |
| 7 | Noisetomakenoise(M),122 | J Rodriguez | 12-8-7 | Green | 10-1 |
| 8 | Maizey Blue(L),122 | E Zayas | 5-7-7 | Rodriguez | 15-1 |
| 9 | Authentic Beauty(L),122 | J Alvarado | 3-7-12 | LaRose | 3-1 |

## 2 1 1/16 miles(T); $65,000; clm($55,000); 3up

Failure to fire. **BLAST FURNACE** was 9th of 10 racing off the layoff at Churchill. Moves lower, runs shorter for Maker. Only 3/4 shy last time he ran this distance. Prat rides. **FIRST CALL BOB** MTO. **IN THE DARK** ran 2nd at this level/distance after scoring 2 back. Contender. **LIGHT FANTASTIC** moved lower and graduated by a nose (3rd start). All 3 races were sprints. Can he stretch out? Irad will be the first to know.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Madagascar(L),121 | C Elliott | 5-3-2 | Kantarmaci | 10-1 |
| 2 | Maximum Promise(L),126 | R Santana, Jr | 4-4-4 | Rice | 7-2 |
| 3 | Light Fantastic(L),126 | I Ortiz, Jr | 1-3-5 | Cox | 6-1 |
| 4 | Tough Critic(L),121 | T Gaffalione | 7-7-4 | Weaver | 12-1 |
| 5 | Blast Furnace(L),126 | F Prat | 9-9-3 | Maker | 3-1 |
| 6 | Shangrala Road(L),126 | J Lezcano | 5-4-6 | Rice | 8-1 |
| 7 | Middle Market(L),126 | J Alvarado | 2-6-2 | Arenas | 12-1 |
| 8 | Gun Barrel City(L),126 | M Franco | 4-8-8 | Pletcher | 5-1 |
| 9 | In the Dark(L),126 | J Rodriguez | 2-1-9 | Morey | 6-1 |
| 10 | Who's Your Zaddy(L),121 | R Santana, Jr | 12-5-1 | Green | 8-1 |
| 11 | First Call Bob(L),126 | T Gaffalione | 12-4-4 | C Brown | 7-5 |

## 3 7 fur; $37,000; clm($12,500); 4up

Noise from **QUIET WISDOM**. Surged from off the pace to win racing for 30k, snapping a lengthy losing skid. Gaffalione replaces the still healing Castellano. **NORWICH** sat off the pace then tired here in June. Maker shaves a furlong. Scored at Churchill 14 months ago. Not since. **HEY TOBY** About 3 lengths short twice at Aqueduct. Jeremiah Englehart takes him lower. Carmouche stays on.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Normandy Coast(L),121 | I Ortiz, Jr | 7-7-6 | Sharp | 4-1 |
| 2 | Riyadh Moon(L),121 | J Rodriguez | 2-6-4 | Barrera III | 12-1 |
| 3 | Norwich(L),121 | R Santana, Jr | 8-3-4 | Maker | 5-2 |
| 4 | Dot's Dollar(L),123 | D Davis | 7-8-2 | Sharp | 12-1 |
| 5 | Quiet Wisdom(L),123 | T Gaffalione | 1-4-3 | Potts | 6-1 |
| 6 | Fifty Cent Dollars(L),123 | L Saez | 6-7-1 | Asmussen | 10-1 |
| 7 | Mr Skylight(L),123 | C Elliott | 5-5-1 | Falcone | 8-1 |
| 8 | Sheriff Bianco(L),123 | M Franco | 4-6-1 | Rice | 6-1 |
| 9 | Hey Toby(L),123 | K Carmouche | 4-2-6 | Englehart | 6-1 |

## 4 1 1/8 miles(T); $130,000; alw; 4up

It's **BOURBON DAY**! Neck shy on dirt, this distance. Rice puts him back on the turf where he's 4 for 13. Hasn't been on the grass in a year. Value play over **SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS**. Finished well to be 2nd behind a next out winner in the shorter Kingston. 3 for 5 at this distance including a pair of Grade 1s. Trained by Chad Brown who also enters **SALAMIS**. About 3 lengths short in the Grade 3 Poker racing off the layoff. Won the Hollywood Derby at this longer distance prior to the break. May get back to business, 2nd off the shelf. Prat replaces Francio who stays on Spirit of St Louis. **SAND PIPES** was 3rd in a pair of stakes at Monmouth.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Britain's Kitten(L),123 | I Ortiz, Jr | 2-4-1 | Rice | 6-1 |
| 2 | Spirit of St Louis(L),121 | M Franco | 2-2-4 | C Brown | 2-1 |
| 3 | Bourbon Day(L),123 | J Lezcano | 3-4-1 | Rice | 8-1 |
| 4 | Capture the Flag(L),121 | J Velazquez | 4-8-1 | Pletcher | 8-1 |
| 5 | Salamis(L),123 | F Prat | 4-1-5 | C Brown | 5-2 |
| 6 | Sea Singer(IRE)(L),121 | L Saez | 4-1-1 | McCarthy | 10-1 |
| 7 | Sand Pipes(L),123 | K Carmouche | 3-3-4 | Schultz | 4-1 |
| 8 | Bramito(L),123 | Rider TBA | 5-1-1 | Schauer | 3-1 |
| 9 | Vibe(L),123 | Rider TBA | 7-1-1 | Pletcher | 2-1 |
| 10 | Le Gris(L),123 | F Prat | 4-4-2 | Rodriguez | 10-1 |
| 11 | Otello(L),123 | Rider TBA | 3-3-3 | Kantarmaci | 6-1 |

## 5 5 1/2 fur(T); $90,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies on the turf. **SIDE QUEST** Quick switch to the grass after debuting 4th of 12 on the dirt at Churchill. Irad picks her up for Walden; blinkers on. **CADILLAC MARY** debuted 3rd, a couple of lengths behind a next out winner on the lawn at Aqueduct. **QUOTED** (Casse/Prat/Street Sense) and **SPILT THE BLANKET** (Giddings/Alvarado//Liams Map) make career debuts.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cody's Approval,123 | J Rodriguez | x-x-x | Trombetta | 9-2 |
| 2 | Quoted,123 | F Prat | x-x-x | Casse | 6-1 |
| 3 | Split the Blanket,123 | J Alvarado | x-x-x | Giddings | 6-1 |
| 4 | Cadillac Mary,123 | D Davis | 3-x-x | Englehart | 7-2 |
| 5 | By Grace,123 | T Gaffalione | 5-8-x | Sharp | 12-1 |
| 6 | All Show,123 | J Velazquez | x-x-x | Green | 10-1 |
| 7 | Miss Money Pants,123 | M Franco | 7-2-x | Rodriguez | 20-1 |
| 8 | Early and Often,123 | J Lezcano | x-x-x | Hennig | 15-1 |
| 9 | Side Quest,123 | I Ortiz, Jr | 4-x-x | Walden | 3-1 |
| 10 | Saint Dymphna,123 | R Santana, Jr | 7-x-x | Heath | 15-1 |
| 11 | Night Sky,123 | E Zayas | x-x-x | Delgado | 10-1 |
| 12 | Instant Stardom,123 | Rider TBA | x-x-x | Rodriguez | 12-1 |

## 6 6 fur; $43,000; clm($20,000); 3up

Seasonal debut for Joe Sharp's **ANCIENT WORLD**. He's 2 for 5 on dirt including a strong 3rd in the Chick Lang at Pimlico. Soft spot for return but he may need a race. Irad up. **SCHLOMO** tired, finished last of 7 racing 7 panels. Much better 3rd, this distance previously. Mott gets Lezcano back. **NANTZ** was 3 lengths shy with comparable company. Won wire-to-wire in March under Santana. **TAPWRITS TEMPER** won handily, his 2nd from 27 starts. 1 for 12 at this distance.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ancient World(L),126 | I Ortiz, Jr | 6-6-6 | Sharp | 8-5 |
| 2 | Liberty Rising(L),126 | D Davis | 4-6-5 | Quick | 6-1 |
| 3 | Catch a Tiger(L),126 | K Davis | 4-6-3 | Zito | 15-1 |
| 4 | Nantz(L),126 | R Santana, Jr | 4-5-4 | Kantarmaci | 8-1 |
| 5 | Three Little Birds(L),126 | C Elliott | 3-6-2 | Baker | 12-1 |
| 6 | Otto Nipoti(L),126 | K Coa | 1-7-3 | Ferraro | 15-1 |
| 7 | Epitaph(L),126 | E Zayas | 2-11-5 | Potts | 12-1 |
| 8 | Executive Order(L),126 | J Rodriguez | 5-5-9 | Bartkowski | 12-1 |
| 9 | Schlomo(L),126 | J Lezcano | 7-3-2 | Mott | 5-1 |
| 10 | Tapwrits Temper(L),126 | M Franco | 1-4-2 | Potts | 8-1 |

## 7 1 1/16 miles(T); $200,000; Suzie O'cain; 3YO

Two for two, **ALL OF IT** makes stakes debut for Clement. Handy allowance winner at this distance. Keeps record clean in the Suzie O'Cain. **LADY ROSE** loads off an optional claiming win if we're off turf. **COSMIC CANDY GIRL** reported home 3rd, then 4th at this distance at the Big A. Exotics value. **CELTIC DAWN** is 3 for 3; all sprints. One turf start; a NY-bred stallion stake. Can she go long.? Irad will know. **NEW YORK SPECIAL** moves to the stake off a maiden breaker (2nd start) for Casse.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | New York Special,120 | E Zayas | 1-2-x | Casse | 8-1 |
| 2 | Coach of the Year,120 | J Lezcano | 4-11-2 | Weaver | 15-1 |
| 3 | All of It,122 | M Franco | 1-1-x | Clement | 8-5 |
| 4 | Encantar,120 | D Davis | 2-1-6 | Donk | 10-1 |
| 5 | Celtic Dawn,124 | I Ortiz, Jr | 1-1-1 | C Martin | 5-2 |
| 6 | Neshika,120 | F Prat | 4-2-6 | Maker | 5-1 |
| 7 | Cosmic Candy Girl,120 | C Elliott | 4-3-3 | Ryerson | 15-1 |
| 8 | Considerate City,120 | T Gaffalione | 2-2-3 | Ferraro | 8-1 |
| 9 | Lady Rose,124 | J Lezcano | 1-2-1 | Rice | 9-5 |

## 8 7 fur; $130,000; alw; 4up(f)

Believe **BEAUTY REIGNS** rebounds for Mott. About 3 lengths short in the Grade 2 Chicago after winning 2 back. Both races at this distance. Chad Brown's **SENZA PAROLE** was 3rd of 6 in the Grade 2 Bed O Roses, contested at 7 furlongs. **REPUTATION** makes 4YO debut for Weaver. Went 3 for 5 last year including an easy win in a 100k, this distance at Colonial. Prat will ride. **MUNNINGS EXPRESS** Turf to dirt for Rice. Won last 3 dirt starts by 4 lengths or more. Fast filly may be isolated on the lead.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Munnings Express(L),123 | J Lezcano | 3-1-1 | Rice | 7-2 |
| 2 | Senza Parole(L),123 | I Ortiz, Jr | 3-2-7 | C Brown | 5-2 |
| 3 | Autumn Evening(L),121 | J Velazquez | 5-9-3 | D'Angelo | 10-1 |
| 4 | Beauty Reigns(L),123 | J Alvarado | 5-1-4 | Mott | 7-2 |
| 5 | Dazzling Move(L),121 | T Gaffalione | 5-9-5 | Joseph | 10-1 |
| 6 | Queen's Martini(L),123 | R Santana, Jr | 4-1-5 | Moquett | 8-1 |
| 7 | Reputation(L),123 | F Prat | 3-1-1 | Weaver | 6-1 |
| 8 | Beyond Belief(L),123 | L Saez | 5-2-3 | Breen | 8-1 |

## 9 5 1/2 fur(T); $56,000; mdn clm($50,000); 3up(f)

Wide open. **GARDEN OF GRACE** Dirt to turf for Potts. Board hitter 5 of 6 on grass. **MIDTOWN MISCHIEF** made turf debut at Aqueduct and landed a midpack 5th. Moves lower for Maker. **BLUE AUTHENTICITY** debuted a clear 2nd, then a wide 8th next out. Rider change to Saez.

| PN | Horse Wt. | Jockey | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Blue Authenticity(L),122 | L Saez | 8-2-x | B Brown | 9-2 |
| 2 | Bank On Bebe(L),126 | K Davis | 7-5-4 | Davis | 30-1 |
| 3 | Midtown Mischief(L),122 | D Davis | 5-3-x | Maker | 7-2 |
| 4 | Avery's Wonderland(L),122 | I Ortiz, Jr | 7-5-5 | R Dutrow | 5-1 |
| 5 | Dancing Miracle(L),122 | R Santana, Jr | 2-10-6 | Abreu | 20-1 |
| 6 | You Know Better(L),126 | F Prat | 3-7-6 | Abreu | 8-1 |
| 7 | Garden of Grace(L),126 | J Rodriguez | 4-2-3 | Potts | 4-1 |
| 8 | Stella Fortuna(L),122 | R Gutierrez | 4-7-x | Miceli | 15-1 |
| 9 | Mischievous Jo(L),122 | T Gaffalione | 9-x-x | Schettino | 12-1 |
| 10 | Anna Brocknana(L),122 | M Franco | 5-x-x | Weaver | 6-1 |
| 11 | Spirit Forward(L),122 | C Elliott | 4-x-x | Donk | 20-1 |
| 12 | Jayme's Turn(L),122 | M Franco | 10-9-x | Rice | 9-2 |
| 13 | My Devine One(L),122 | A Murgia | 5-3-5 | Kantarmaci | 15-1 |

## PLAY OF THE DAY

Sturdy ($6.56) won for us last Sunday. It was our 2nd win of the meet which is now 11 days old. Not good. Profit on the day: +$68.40. Down -$292.94 for the meet.

Two plays. Bet $4 across the board on Bourbon Day in Race 4 and $30 to win on All of It in Race 7. — *Vic Cangialosi*

## Yonkers Results For Wednesday

**FIRST-1-mile pace; fm20000clm; purse $18,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 6:52 TIME-27.4; 56.3; 1:25.2; 1:54.1**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Th Rizzo (J Marohn) | 6.48 | 2.66 | 2.10 |
| 2 | Big City Daisy (B Holland) | | 2.22 | 2.10 |
| 4 | Hurrikane Marigold (C Kelly) | | | 2.60 |

● Exacta (5/2) $6.10 ● Triple (5/2/4) $19.02 ● $.10 Superfecta (5/2/4/3) $5.26

**SECOND-1-mile pace; fmnw2pm; purse $19,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:14 TIME-28.2; 57.4; 1:26.3; 1:56.1**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | DoralDelght(JMrohn) | 46.64 | 12.86 | 5.88 |
| 1 | Rich Eileen (B Holland) | | 6.14 | 3.88 |
| 3 | Odds On Commandeer (T Buter) | | | 8.16 |

● Exacta (2/1) $83.37 ● Triple (2/1/3) $320.91 ● $.10 Superfecta (2/1/3/8) $253.93 ● Daily double (5/2) $84.81

**THIRD-1-mile trot; nw2pm; purse $19,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:36 TIME-29.1; 58.2; 1:27.1; 1:56.3**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | AjaxBlueChip(DDube) | 6.82 | 3.34 | 2.40 |
| 5 | KillTheNoiseAs(JBongorno) | | 2.96 | 2.24 |
| 4 | Zuzu Zoom (N Karna) | | | 2.30 |

● Exacta (1/5) $10.17 ● Triple (1/5/4) $26.11 ● $.10 Superfecta (1/5/4/3) $11.13

**FOURTH-1-mile pace; fmw5bnm8; purse $24,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:59 TIME-27.4; 57.1; 1:24.3; 1:52.3**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | RcklssAbndn(JBngrn) | 3.44 | 2.34 | 2.22 |
| 2 | Tall Dark Tequila (C Kelly) | | 4.08 | 2.66 |
| 3 | Jordanna Hanover (B Holland) | | | 3.66 |

● Exacta (6/2) $6.75 ● Triple (6/2/3) $29.94 ● $.10 Superfecta (6/2/3/5) $7.17 ● $1 Pick 3 (2/1/6) $179.52 ● $1 Pick 4 (5/2/1/6) $705.64

**FIFTH-1-mile pace; 3-6yo20clm; purse $18,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:23 TIME-28.0; 57.0; 1:25.2; 1:54.2**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Onyx Bovino (T Buter) | 15.48 | 5.50 | 3.52 |
| 8 | Alabamajamm(JBongorno) | | 3.02 | 2.14 |
| 5 | Hank The Hunk (A Miller) | | | 5.12 |

● Exacta (2/8) $31.20 ● Triple (2/8/5) $164.77 ● $.10 Superfecta (2/8/5/6) $106.38 ● $1 Pick 3 (1/6/2) $78.63

**SIXTH-1-mile trot; w2bnmt4; purse $21,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:45 TIME-28.3; 58.0; 1:27.1; 1:57.0**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Goya (T Buter) | 6.00 | 3.96 | 2.66 |
| 2 | Zaheera (N Karna) | | 5.44 | 3.20 |
| 7 | Just Teasing (A Miller) | | | 2.10 |

● Exacta (5/2) $15.34 ● Triple (5/2/7) $53.15 ● $.10 Superfecta (5/2/7/1) $19.27 ● $1 Pick 3 (6/2/5) $41.57

**SEVENTH-1-mile pace; 20000clm; purse $18,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:06 TIME-27.0; 55.3; 1:24.1; 1:54.0**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Curly JamesA(CKelly) | 3.06 | 2.20 | 2.20 |
| 5 | Italian Lad N (J Bongiorno) | | 2.68 | 2.90 |
| 3 | Foxhunt (D Dube) | | | 3.20 |

● Exacta (4/5) $4.29 ● Triple (4/5/3) $13.15 ● $.10 Superfecta (4/5/3/2) $4.22

**EIGHTH-1-mile pace; 50000clm; purse $24,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:28 TIME-27.3; 57.3; 1:25.2; 1:53.0**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Iknowbttr(JBongorno) | 6.66 | 2.56 | 2.30 |
| 3 | Bettor By Seaside (T Buter) | | 2.34 | 2.18 |
| 1 | Brutallyhandsome A (V Ginsburg) | | | 3.78 |

● Exacta (2/3) $5.76 ● Triple (2/3/1) $14.81 ● $.10 Superfecta (2/3/1/5) $6.92 ● $1 Pick 3 (5/4/2) $15.15

**NINTH-1-mile trot; w5bnmt7; purse $24,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:49 TIME-28.3; 58.0; 1:27.1; 1:56.2**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Matthews (T Buter) | 8.26 | 5.64 | 2.50 |
| 7 | Camera Man (A Siegelman) | | 8.96 | 3.98 |
| 5 | D'wood (C Kelly) | | | 2.76 |

● Exacta (3/7) $30.21 ● Triple (3/7/5) $52.75 ● $.10 Superfecta (3/7/5/2) $36.43 ● $1 Pick 5 (2/5/4/2/3) $583.54

**TENTH-1-mile pace; fmw2bnm4pm; purse $21,000**

**TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:11 TIME-27.2; 56.0; 1:24.2; 1:54.0**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | CllMAnglt(JBongorn) | 4.58 | 3.46 | 2.90 |
| 5 | Crystal Coast (D Dube) | | 5.34 | 2.82 |
| 4 | Heartofthesunrise (C Kelly) | | | 3.56 |

● Exacta (8/5) $9.79 ● Triple (8/5/4) $36.45 ● $.10 Superfecta (8/5/4/1) $36.53 ● Late double (3/8) $10.55 ● $1 Pick 3 (2/3/8) $28.99 ● $1 Pick 4 (4/2/3/8) $57.69

**Total Handle-$358,780.**

## Yonkers for Thursday

**Post Time: 6:45 p.m.**

**FIRST: Mile trot; $20,000; cond**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Lou John's Action | (JGregory) | 2-3-5 | 6-1 |
| 2 | Self Portrait | (JStratton) | 1-4-4 | 8-1 |
| 3 | Dw's Cha-Ching | (MKakaley) | 6-1-5 | 5-1 |
| 4 | Muir Woods | (LBailey) | 3-4-5 | 5-1 |
| 5 | Goog Eyes | (JBartlett) | 1-1-2 | 8-5 |
| 6 | June FromDunoon | (FAffrunti) | 3-3-6 | 20-1 |
| 7 | Acoustic Blue Chip | (TButer) | 1-6-2 | 7-2 |

**SECOND: Mile trot; $20,000; cond**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ctm | (JGregory) | 1-5-3 | 7-2 |
| 2 | Lil Checkmate | (FAffrunti) | 3-7-4 | 12-1 |
| 3 | Vinyl Daddy | (TButer) | 3-8-5 | 5-1 |
| 4 | Flex Up | (AMiller) | 1-3-1 | 2-1 |
| 5 | T's Action | (TMerton) | 5-8-2 | 20-1 |
| 6 | Chapter Of Life | (LBailey) | 1-2-2 | 9-5 |
| 7 | Rubens | (JStratton) | 5-1-5 | 20-1 |

**THIRD: Mile trot; $84,000; NYSS**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Seven Grand | (TButer) | 3-3-3 | 2-1 |
| 1 | A Secured | (ASvanstedt) | 2-8-5 | 2-1 |
| 2 | Sevenato | (TSmedshammer) | 6-6-4 | 5-1 |
| 3 | Chapter Geo J | (JBartlett) | 1-2-5 | 7-5 |
| 4 | Who's Eyes Blues | (YGingras) | 3-4-5 | 9-2 |
| 5 | Chapel | (MKakaley) | 1-4-2 | 6-1 |

**FOURTH: Mile trot; $84,000; NYSS**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Silverstein | (MKakaley) | 3-3-1 | 6-5 |
| 2 | Twin B Seven Sins | (NKarna) | 7-2-2 | 20-1 |
| 3 | Read The Room | (ASvanstedt) | 3-1-4 | 7-2 |
| 4 | Titans Mischief | (JBartlett) | 4-4-2 | 7-2 |
| 5 | Highway Six | (JGregory) | 1-1-2 | 6-1 |
| 6 | Ai | (YGingras) | 5-4-6 | 6-1 |

**FIFTH: Mile pace; $19,000; claiming**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Karloo Bradley N | (JStratton) | 7-1-3 | 8-1 |
| 2 | Acapulco Sunburn | (JSantos) | 8-2-2 | 20-1 |
| 3 | Shake It | (JBartlett) | 3-2-2 | 8-5 |
| 4 | SouthbeachHanver | (YGngrs) | 1-6-8 | 6-1 |
| 5 | Mind Hunter | (CKelly) | 8-2-4 | 5-1 |
| 6 | Komodo Beach | (BHolland) | 2-2-1 | 5-2 |
| 7 | Hard To Catch | (SZeron) | 4-5-3 | 20-1 |
| 8 | Movin' On Up | (DDube) | 4-3-1 | 20-1 |

**SIXTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Vel Im All Fire | (JBartlett) | 4-1-7 | 2-1 |
| 2 | Badditude | (CKelly) | 2-1-2 | 5-2 |
| 3 | Racey Rach N | (JStratton) | 3-2-7 | 3-1 |
| 4 | Thats A Huge Beach | (DDube) | 5-6-7 | 20-1 |
| 5 | Racin For Royalty | (YGingras) | 2-7-1 | 9-2 |
| 6 | Eveninstarzrapsody | (Miller) | 5-2-1 | 15-1 |
| 7 | Fortunada | (JMarohn) | 3-7-3 | 20-1 |
| 8 | Sp Dancinwithstarz | (TButer) | 4-1-5 | 20-1 |

**SEVENTH: Mile trot; $22,000; claiming**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | For A Dreamer | (BHolland) | 6-6-2 | 9-2 |
| 2 | Sea Can | (YGingras) | 4-7-4 | 5-1 |
| 3 | Kays In Charge | (JStratton) | 2-1-2 | 5-2 |
| 4 | Theobald | (JBartlett) | 7-2-1 | 2-1 |
| 5 | No Drama Please | (MKakaley) | 2-7-7 | 12-1 |
| 6 | Voss Blue Chip | (CKelly) | 1-1-2 | 20-1 |
| 7 | Stacking Green | (AMiller) | 3-2-1 | 8-1 |
| 8 | Whiskey Peddler | (TButer) | 5-5-1 | 20-1 |

**EIGHTH: Mile pace; $20,000; claiming**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rolling With Sam | (CKelly) | 7-3-5 | 6-1 |
| 2 | Heaven On High N | (JBartlett) | 2-2-7 | 2-1 |
| 3 | Alta Classic A | (BHolland) | 7-4-1 | 9-2 |
| 4 | C-Bet Hanover | (JStratton) | 7-2-1 | 20-1 |
| 5 | Yorokobi N | (JMarohn) | 4-4-2 | 4-1 |
| 6 | Pretty Lou | (YGingras) | 4-1-6 | 5-1 |
| 7 | Bell's David | (TButer) | 4-1-3 | 8-1 |
| 8 | Peace Out Posse | (MKakaley) | 3-5-6 | 20-1 |

**NINTH: Mile trot; $28,000; cond**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Massive Desire | (YGingras) | 8-2-6 | 5-1 |
| 2 | Full Of Muscles | (SZeron) | 4-3-2 | 9-2 |
| 3 | Ritson | (TButer) | 5-3-1 | 8-1 |
| 4 | My Degenerate | (AMiller) | 1-2-3 | 2-1 |
| 5 | Ultion Face S | (JBartlett) | 4-1-2 | 7-2 |
| 6 | Chapheart | (JStratton) | 7-1-4 | 20-1 |
| 7 | Torrone | (BHolland) | 2-1-6 | 10-1 |
| 8 | Wheelzablazin | (MKakaley) | 1-1-7 | 10-1 |

**TENTH: Mile trot; $22,000; claiming**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mon Amour | (CKelly) | 3-3-5 | 5-2 |
| 2 | Hat Trick Marleau | (JStratton) | 2-1-2 | 8-1 |
| 3 | Beacon Beach | (YGingras) | 1-7-6 | 5-2 |
| 4 | Radio Lab | (TButer) | 1-7-3 | 10-1 |
| 5 | Willy Walton | (JMarohn) | 2-5-6 | 12-1 |
| 6 | Sevenshadesofgrey | (BHllnd) | 8-7-2 | 20-1 |
| 7 | Bellissimo Face S | (JBartlett) | 1-3-7 | 2-1 |
| 8 | Smoking Jet | (DDube) | 7-5-1 | 20-1 |

**ELEVENTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Black Hawk Joe A | (BHolland) | 3-4-3 | 3-1 |
| 2 | FrancoNandorN | (ASiegelmn) | 8-7-8 | 20-1 |
| 3 | Smooth Lou | (CKelly) | 6-5-4 | 4-1 |
| 4 | Aladdin | (YGingras) | 1-1-7 | 2-1 |
| 5 | Mr Profeta | (JMarohn) | 3-3-7 | 15-1 |
| 6 | Brower | (JStratton) | 7-3-8 | 20-1 |
| 7 | TakeACloserLook | (Kakaley) | 3-3-3 | 6-1 |
| 8 | J B Gram | (JBartlett) | 3-3-1 | 9-2 |

## AL Standings

| East | W | L | Pct. | GB | *WGB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 59 | 42 | .584 | — | — | 5-5 | W-3 | 35-15 | 24-27 |
| **Yankees** | 57 | 45 | .559 | 2½ | +4½ | 7-3 | W-1 | 26-23 | 31-22 |
| Boston | 52 | 49 | .515 | 7 | — | 9-1 | L-1 | 23-28 | 29-21 |
| Baltimore | 50 | 53 | .485 | 10 | 3 | 8-2 | W-1 | 28-25 | 22-28 |
| Toronto | 46 | 56 | .451 | 13½ | 6½ | 3-7 | L-4 | 25-30 | 21-26 |

| Central | W | L | Pct. | GB | *WGB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 54 | 47 | .535 | — | — | 7-3 | W-1 | 31-17 | 23-30 |
| Cleveland | 54 | 49 | .524 | 1 | +1 | 7-3 | L-1 | 27-25 | 27-24 |
| Minnesota | 50 | 53 | .485 | 5 | 3 | 4-6 | W-1 | 26-25 | 24-28 |
| Detroit | 48 | 54 | .471 | 6½ | 4½ | 6-4 | W-1 | 27-23 | 21-31 |
| Kansas City | 43 | 60 | .417 | 12 | 10 | 5-5 | W-3 | 26-27 | 17-33 |

| West | W | L | Pct. | GB | *WGB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 51 | 51 | .500 | — | — | 5-5 | L-1 | 25-24 | 26-27 |
| Seattle | 51 | 52 | .495 | ½ | 2 | 4-6 | L-2 | 30-23 | 21-29 |
| Houston | 50 | 54 | .481 | 2 | 3½ | 4-6 | W-3 | 26-27 | 24-27 |
| Athletics | 43 | 59 | .422 | 8 | 9½ | 2-8 | L-2 | 20-30 | 23-29 |
| Los Angeles | 41 | 62 | .398 | 10½ | 12 | 4-6 | L-1 | 24-28 | 17-34 |

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

### Wednesday

Pittsburgh 5, **Yankees** 3, 10 inn., 1st gm.
**Yankees** 2, Pittsburgh 0, 2nd gm.
Boston 6, Baltimore 3, 1st gm.
Kansas City 5, San Francisco 4
Cincinnati 5, Seattle 3
St. Louis 1, L.A. Angels 0
Arizona 15, Athletics 5
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 2
Minnesota 10, Cleveland 6
Baltimore 5, Boston 1, 2nd gm.
Houston 5, Miami 2
Detroit 5, Cubs 1
White Sox 4, Texas 2

### Thursday

Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:10
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 3:07
Kansas City at Detroit, 6:40

### Friday

**Yankees** at Philadelphia, 6:45
Kansas City at Detroit, 6:40
Atlanta at Baltimore, 7:05
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Toronto at Boston, 7:15
Houston at White Sox, 7:40
Seattle at Texas, 8:05
Athletics at Minnesota, 8:10
L.A. Angels at San Francisco, 10:15

## NL Standings

| East | W | L | Pct. | GB | *WGB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 59 | 42 | .584 | — | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 31-20 | 28-22 |
| Philadelphia | 56 | 47 | .544 | 4 | +2½ | 5-5 | L-2 | 27-25 | 29-22 |
| Miami | 52 | 51 | .505 | 8 | 1½ | 1-9 | L-9 | 31-20 | 21-31 |
| Washington | 52 | 51 | .505 | 8 | 1½ | 5-5 | W-1 | 20-31 | 32-20 |
| **Mets** | 43 | 60 | .417 | 17 | 10½ | 4-6 | L-1 | 21-28 | 22-32 |

| Central | W | L | Pct. | GB | *WGB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 64 | 38 | .627 | — | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 34-19 | 30-19 |
| Chicago | 57 | 45 | .559 | 7 | +4 | 5-5 | L-1 | 30-22 | 27-23 |
| Pittsburgh | 53 | 50 | .515 | 11½ | ½ | 6-4 | L-1 | 27-24 | 26-26 |
| St. Louis | 52 | 49 | .515 | 11½ | ½ | 4-6 | W-1 | 26-26 | 26-23 |
| Cincinnati | 47 | 54 | .465 | 16½ | 5½ | 5-5 | W-2 | 22-28 | 25-26 |

| West | W | L | Pct. | GB | *WGB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 65 | 38 | .631 | — | — | 5-5 | W-2 | 31-19 | 34-19 |
| Arizona | 53 | 49 | .520 | 11½ | — | 8-2 | W-2 | 31-22 | 22-27 |
| San Diego | 50 | 52 | .490 | 14½ | 3 | 4-6 | L-1 | 27-24 | 23-28 |
| San Francisco | 42 | 60 | .412 | 22½ | 11 | 4-6 | L-5 | 22-25 | 20-35 |
| Colorado | 41 | 63 | .394 | 24½ | 13 | 3-7 | L-1 | 24-29 | 17-34 |

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

### Wednesday

Pittsburgh 5, **Yankees** 3, 10 inn., 1st gm.
Milwaukee 4, **Mets** 3
**Yankees** 2, Pittsburgh 0, 2nd gm.
Kansas City 5, San Francisco 4
Washington 8, Colorado 0
Cincinnati 5, Seattle 3
St. Louis 1, L.A. Angels 0
Arizona 15, Athletics 5
L.A. Dodgers 9, Philadelphia 5
Atlanta 7, San Diego 6
Houston 5, Miami 2
Detroit 5, Cubs 1

### Thursday

San Diego at Atlanta, 12:15
Arizona at St. Louis, 5:15

### Friday

**Yankees** at Philadelphia, 6:45
L.A. Dodgers at **Mets**, 7:10
Colorado at Milwaukee, 4:10
Cubs at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Arizona at Washington, 6:45
Atlanta at Baltimore, 7:05
San Diego at Miami, 7:10
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 8:15
L.A. Angels at San Francisco, 10:15

**POST SU DOKU** Puzzles on Page 34

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 5 |
| 5 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| 2 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 7 |
| 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 8 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 |

Solution to Very Easy #7,348

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| 3 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 8 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 2 |

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## Pirates 5, Yankees 3, 10 inn., 1st Game

| Pittsburgh | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mangum cf-rf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .303 |
| Lowe 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .245 |
| Reynolds lf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .278 |
| Valdez rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .295 |
| Flores c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .333 |
| O'Hearn dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .278 |
| Gonzales 3b | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .311 |
| Gonzalez ss-1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .255 |
| Davis c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .164 |
| Ozuna ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .208 |
| Cook pr-cf | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .220 |
| Callihan 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .235 |
| Triolo ph-ss | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .246 |
| **Totals** | 37 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 17 | |

| Yankees | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grisham cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .227 |
| Rice 1b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | .280 |
| Sánchez c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .229 |
| S.Jones dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .224 |
| Rosario ph-dh | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .235 |
| Bellinger lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .255 |
| Domínguez rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .230 |
| Chisholm 2b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .224 |
| Caballero ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .244 |
| McMahon 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .217 |
| Wells c | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .163 |
| Goldschmidt ph-1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .258 |
| **Totals** | 36 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 12 | |

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| **Pittsburgh** | 000 020 100 2 — | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| **Yankees** | 000 000 300 0 — | 3 | 6 | 0 |

**LOB:** Pittsburgh 6, New York 10. **2B:** McMahon (10). **HR:** Gonzalez (4), off Cole; Gonzales (6), off Cole; Rice (30), off Mlodzinski. **RBIs:** Gonzalez 2 (22), Gonzales (46), Triolo (19), Mangum (21), Rice 3 (71). **SB:** Mangum (19). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 4 (Gonzales, Valdez 2, Reynolds); New York 3 (S.Jones, Chisholm, Caballero). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 2 for 9; New York 1 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Gonzalez.

| Pittsburgh | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keller | 5.0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 75 | 4.90 |
| Mlodzinski, BS, 2-3 | 2.2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 50 | 3.34 |
| Montgmry, W, 3-3 | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 3.79 |
| Soto, S, 13-18 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 3.89 |

| Yankees | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cole | 7.0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 93 | 3.92 |
| Headrick | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 1.40 |
| Bednar | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 2.53 |
| Cruz, L, 4-4 | 0.1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 2.51 |
| Castro | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 3.38 |

**T:** 3:10. **A:** 43,290 (47,309).

## Nationals 8, Rockies 0

| Washington | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wood rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .270 |
| Young cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .230 |
| García 1b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .280 |
| Tena dh | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .247 |
| Abrams ss | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .286 |
| Crews cf-rf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .214 |
| Lile lf | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .244 |
| Ruiz c | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .274 |
| Vivas 3b | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .246 |
| Nuñez 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .253 |
| **Totals** | 38 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 8 | |

| Colorado | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| McCarthy rf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .305 |
| Moniak lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .279 |
| Goodman dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .258 |
| Rumfield 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .297 |
| Carrigg cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .291 |
| Karros 3b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | .259 |
| Castro ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .260 |
| Julien 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .215 |
| Sullivan c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .221 |
| **Totals** | 33 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 10 | |

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| **Washington** | 000 010 610 — | 8 | 14 | 1 |
| **Colorado** | 000 000 000 — | 0 | 6 | 3 |

**E:** Lile (2), Moniak (1), Carrigg (2), Sullivan (4). **LOB:** Washington 8, Colorado 10. **2B:** Ruiz (19), Abrams (20), McCarthy (21), Rumfield (21). **3B:** Vivas (1). **HR:** García (21), off Herget. **RBIs:** Wood (69), Nuñez 2 (30), García 2 (70), Crews (21). **SB:** Lile (10), Abrams (16). **SF:** Wood. **RISP:** Washington 5 for 17; Colorado 0 for 9. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Rumfield, Castro).

| Washington | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cavalli, W, 7-4 | 6.0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 90 | 3.58 |
| Yean | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 0.00 |
| Kranick | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 27.00 |

| Colorado | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hughes, L, 0-2 | 5.0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 88 | 2.79 |
| Bernardino | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 2.74 |
| Herget | 0.2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 5.27 |
| Agnos | 2.1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 6.42 |

**T:** 2:57. **A:** 23,196 (50,144).

## Yankees 2, Pirates 0, 2nd Gm.

| Pittsburgh | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gonzales 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .313 |
| Triolo ss-cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .248 |
| Callihan ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .233 |
| Reynolds lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .275 |
| Valdez rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | .292 |
| O'Hearn 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .274 |
| Ozuna dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .205 |
| Lowe 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .243 |
| Flores c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .267 |
| Cook cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .209 |
| Gonzalez ph-ss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .252 |
| **Totals** | 29 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | |

| Yankees | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grisham cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .224 |
| Rice dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .277 |
| Goldschmidt 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .255 |
| Bellinger lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .256 |
| Chisholm 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .225 |
| Domínguez rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .232 |
| Volpe ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| McMahon 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .214 |
| Sánchez c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .237 |
| **Totals** | 27 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | |

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| **Pittsburgh** | 000 000 000 — | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **Yankees** | 000 000 20x — | 2 | 5 | 1 |

**E:** Sánchez (3). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 5, New York 3. **2B:** Bellinger (20), Domínguez (10). **RBIs:** Domínguez (12), Volpe (15). **SB:** Chisholm (27). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 3 (Ozuna, O'Hearn, Lowe); New York 2 (Volpe, Chisholm). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 0 for 5; New York 1 for 3. **Runners moved up:** O'Hearn, Reynolds. **DP:** Pittsburgh 2 (O'Hearn, Triolo, O'Hearn; Lowe, Gonzalez, O'Hearn).

| Pittsburgh | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chandler | 6.1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 84 | 4.47 |
| Eisert, L, 2-2 | 0.2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 6.68 |
| Ramírez | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3.21 |

| Yankees | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fried | 5.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 57 | 2.97 |
| Chivilli | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0.79 |
| Blackburn, W, 3-1 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 2.00 |
| Warren, H, 1 | 0.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 4.00 |
| Hill, S, 1-4 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4.23 |

**T:** 2:25. **A:** 41,064 (47,309).

## Reds 5, Mariners 3

| Cincinnati | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| De La Cruz ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .276 |
| Stewart 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .249 |
| Bleday lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .237 |
| Steer rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .242 |
| Lowe dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .244 |
| Stephenson c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .244 |
| Myers cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .267 |
| Arroyo 2b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .254 |
| Hayes 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .146 |
| **Totals** | 35 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 5 | |

| Seattle | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Young 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .248 |
| Rodríguez dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .258 |
| Canzone rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .257 |
| Arozarena lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .281 |
| Naylor 1b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .261 |
| Raleigh c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .163 |
| Raley cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .230 |
| Wilson 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .224 |
| Emerson ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .189 |
| **Totals** | 33 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 6 | |

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| **Cincinnati** | 000 200 300 — | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| **Seattle** | 010 200 000 — | 3 | 7 | 0 |

**LOB:** Cincinnati 5, Seattle 4. **2B:** Stephenson (12), Naylor (13), Rodríguez (16). **HR:** Bleday (17), off Hancock; Stewart (21), off Bazardo. **RBIs:** Bleday (44), Myers (15), Stewart 3 (74), Raleigh (35), Raley 2 (39). **SB:** De La Cruz (16), Naylor (21). **CS:** Arozarena (6). **RISP:** Cincinnati 2 for 6; Seattle 2 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Hayes, Raley, Canzone.

| Cincinnati | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Singer, W, 5-9 | 6.2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 101 | 4.53 |
| Burke, H, 11 | 1.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 2.79 |
| Pagán, S, 9-12 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5.59 |

| Seattle | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hancock | 6.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 95 | 3.16 |
| Bazardo, L, 3-3, BS, 0-3 | 1.0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 2.84 |
| Wilcox | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 3.43 |

**T:** 2:30. **A:** 38,236 (47,929).

## Brewers 4, Mets 3

| Mets | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ewing cf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .274 |
| Lindor ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .233 |
| Bichette 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .256 |
| Benge lf-rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .263 |
| Polanco dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .165 |
| Young 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| Taylor ph-lf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .228 |
| Semien 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .209 |
| Baty rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .223 |
| Robert ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .211 |
| Torrens 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .228 |
| Alvarez c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .257 |
| **Totals** | 35 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 15 | |

| Milwaukee | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yelich dh | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .243 |
| Chourio lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .277 |
| Turang 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .259 |
| Contreras c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .275 |
| Mitchell cf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .277 |
| Vaughn 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .307 |
| Lara rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .240 |
| Bauers rf-1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .256 |
| Pratt ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .258 |
| Ortiz 3b | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .239 |
| **Totals** | 32 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 9 | |

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| **Mets** | 010 010 001 — | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| **Milwaukee** | 030 001 00x — | 4 | 9 | 1 |

**E:** Henderson (1). **LOB:** New York 7, Milwaukee 9. **2B:** Ewing (11), Ortiz (9). **3B:** Ortiz (1), Yelich (2). **HR:** Semien (10), off Henderson; Baty (6), off Henderson. **RBIs:** Semien (30), Baty (33), Alvarez (25), Ortiz 2 (28), Yelich 2 (35). **SB:** Ortiz (8). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (Polanco, Alvarez, Lindor, Benge); Milwaukee 3 (Yelich 2, Chourio). **RISP:** New York 1 for 7; Milwaukee 4 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Semien. **GIDP:** Vaughn. **DP:** New York 1 (Lindor, Semien, Young).

| Mets | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scott, L, 3-2 | 3.2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 89 | 3.13 |
| Pérez | 0.2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 5.50 |
| Brazobán | 1.1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2.76 |
| Minter | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 1.71 |
| Duarte | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 0.00 |

| Milwaukee | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henderson, W, 4-1 | 5.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 80 | 3.05 |
| Ashby, H, 8 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 32 | 3.32 |
| Uribe, H, 15 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 2.38 |
| Megill, S, 16-18 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 3.00 |

**T:** 3:02. **A:** 38,319 (41,700).

## Red Sox 6, Orioles 3, 1st Gm.

| Baltimore | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ward lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .251 |
| Alonso 1b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .248 |
| Henderson ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .224 |
| O'Neill rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .206 |
| Mayo dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .197 |
| Cowser ph-dh | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .208 |
| Taveras cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .237 |
| Encarnacion-Strand 3b | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .500 |
| Holliday 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .214 |
| Huff c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .129 |
| Rodríguez ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Beavers ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .241 |
| Tromp c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .241 |
| **Totals** | 37 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 5 | |

| Boston | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yoshida dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .268 |
| Rafaela cf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .283 |
| Abreu rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .264 |
| Contreras 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .292 |
| Durbin 3b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .239 |
| Gonzalez 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .189 |
| Duran lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | .192 |
| Wong c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .270 |
| Cheng ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .256 |
| **Totals** | 32 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 6 | |

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| **Baltimore** | 001 101 000 — | 3 | 11 | 0 |
| **Boston** | 401 100 00x — | 6 | 9 | 0 |

**LOB:** Baltimore 8, Boston 4. **2B:** Alonso (18), O'Neill (8), Mayo (10), Gonzalez (2). **3B:** Duran (3). **HR:** Encarnacion-Strand (2), off Bennett; Rafaela (9), off Kremer. **RBIs:** O'Neill (16), Encarnacion-Strand 2 (4), Durbin 2 (44), Duran 3 (52), Rafaela (43). **SF:** Duran. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 4 (Mayo, Beavers, Huff, Alonso); Boston 2 (Wong 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 2 for 9; Boston 3 for 7. **DP:** Boston 1 (Cheng, Gonzalez, Contreras).

| Baltimore | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kremer, L, 1-3 | 6.0 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 87 | 5.06 |
| Nunez | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 4.57 |

| Boston | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bennett, W, 6-3 | 5.2 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 83 | 2.58 |
| Slaten, H, 14 | 1.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 5.11 |
| Whitlock, H, 19 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1.95 |
| Chapman, S, 23-25 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 1.93 |

**T:** 2:19. **A:** 35,039 (37,755).

## Royals 5, Giants 4

| San Francisco | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arraez 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .320 |
| Eldridge dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .265 |
| Ramos lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .268 |
| Devers 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .242 |
| Schmitt 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .273 |
| Lee rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .302 |
| Adames ss | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .227 |
| Gilbert cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .226 |
| Cavanaugh c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .237 |
| Susac ph-c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .261 |
| **Totals** | 28 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 | |

| Kansas City | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jensen c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .240 |
| Thomas cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | .240 |
| Pasquantino 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .227 |
| Perez dh | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .211 |
| Massey 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .270 |
| Collins lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .244 |
| Marte rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .269 |
| Tolbert rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .328 |
| Rojas 3b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .244 |
| Loftin ph-3b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .247 |
| Velazquez ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .333 |
| **Totals** | 33 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 8 | |

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| **San Francisco** | 000 001 201 — | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| **Kansas City** | 000 000 50x — | 5 | 9 | 0 |

**E:** Hentges (1). **LOB:** San Francisco 2, Kansas City 5. **2B:** Devers (26), Adames (22), Pasquantino (11), Massey (18). **3B:** Lee (4). **HR:** Schmitt (20), off Cruz; Perez (14), off Roupp. **RBIs:** Arraez (37), Lee (34), Adames (45), Schmitt (51), Perez 2 (43), Loftin (32), Thomas 2 (36). **SB:** Velazquez (1), Marte (2), Thomas (6). **SF:** Arraez. **S:** Cavanaugh. **RISP:** San Francisco 1 for 5; Kansas City 4 for 10.

| San Francisco | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Roupp | 6.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 91 | 3.93 |
| Hentges, L, 1-3, H, 5 | 0.1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2.66 |
| Winn, BS, 1-3 | 0.2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 3.21 |
| Miller | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 3.07 |

| Kansas City | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lugo, W, 4-6 | 7.0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 94 | 4.36 |
| Lynch, H, 12 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.13 |
| Cruz, S, 1-2 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 4.63 |

**T:** 2:12. **A:** 14,606 (38,427).

## Orioles 5, Red Sox 1, 2nd Gm.

| Baltimore | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ward lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .251 |
| Alonso 1b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| Henderson ss | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .225 |
| O'Neill rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .210 |
| Cowser cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | .207 |
| Encarnacion-Strand 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .375 |
| Beavers cf-rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .248 |
| Rodríguez dh | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .182 |
| Holliday 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .216 |
| Tromp c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .212 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 | |

| Boston | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seigler 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .245 |
| Rafaela cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .280 |
| Abreu rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .261 |
| Contreras 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .293 |
| Yoshida dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .268 |
| Durbin 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .237 |
| Duran lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .190 |
| Monasterio ss | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .247 |
| Narváez c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .198 |
| Jones ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .149 |
| Wong c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .270 |
| **Totals** | 31 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | |

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| **Baltimore** | 400 000 100 — | 5 | 9 | 0 |
| **Boston** | 000 100 000 — | 1 | 5 | 0 |

**LOB:** Baltimore 9, Boston 6. **2B:** Alonso (19), Rodríguez (1), Contreras (18). **3B:** Henderson (3). **RBIs:** Beavers 2 (16), Rodríguez (2), Yoshida (19). **SB:** Ward (4). **S:** Encarnacion-Strand. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 5 (Tromp, Holliday, Encarnacion-Strand 2, Rodríguez); Boston 1 (Abreu). **RISP:** Baltimore 1 for 9; Boston 1 for 3. **DP:** Boston 2 (Seigler, Monasterio, Contreras; Seigler, Monasterio, Contreras).

| Baltimore | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bradish, W, 7-9 | 6.0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 89 | 3.49 |
| Cano | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2.41 |
| Kittredge | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 3.86 |
| Wells | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2.94 |

| Boston | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rivera, L, 0-1 | 0.2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 6.30 |
| Bello | 5.1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 85 | 5.60 |
| Morán | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 2.76 |
| Watson | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 4.44 |
| Gamboa | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 2.00 |

**T:** 2:48. **A:** 38,005 (37,755).

## Diamondbacks 15, Athletics 5

| Athletics | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wilson ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .291 |
| Williams ss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .272 |
| Soderstrom lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .248 |
| Bolte cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .251 |
| Langeliers dh | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .263 |
| Muncy ph-dh-lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .223 |
| Cortes rf-lf-p | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .275 |
| Walton 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .304 |
| White 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .368 |
| McNeil 1b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .238 |
| Butler cf-rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .201 |
| Heim c | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .238 |
| **Totals** | **33** | **5** | **10** | **5** | **3** | **5** | |

| Arizona | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marte 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .258 |
| Locklear ph-1b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .250 |
| Perdomo ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .237 |
| Carroll rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .252 |
| Barrosa rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .193 |
| Moreno dh-3b | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .302 |
| Arenado 3b | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | .245 |
| Kepler ph-lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .235 |
| Vargas 1b-2b-p | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .264 |
| McCann c | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .257 |
| Tawa cf-3b-2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .217 |
| Waldschmidt lf-cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | .260 |
| **Totals** | **38** | **15** | **17** | **13** | **8** | **8** | |

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| **Athletics** | **001 010 102 —** | **5** | **10** | **0** |
| **Arizona** | **000 275 01x —** | **15** | **17** | **0** |

**LOB:** Athletics 6, Arizona 8. **2B:** Heim (10), Walton (9), Marte (20), Vargas (14), Tawa (7). **3B:** Carroll (11). **HR:** McNeil (4), off Kelly; Carroll (15), off Jump; Arenado (14), off Jump; Moreno (7), off Jump; McCann (3), off Tur; Waldschmidt (1), off Tur. **RBIs:** Soderstrom (48), McNeil (31), Heim (32), Butler (24), Williams (10), Carroll (48), Arenado (46), Moreno (34), Vargas (49), McCann 3 (14), Waldschmidt 3 (12), Tawa 2 (18), Locklear (2). **SB:** Wilson (3). **CS:** Walton (1). **SF:** Williams, Waldschmidt. **RISP:** Athletics 3 for 9; Arizona 5 for 13. **Runners moved up:** Soderstrom, Carroll, Perdomo. **GIDP:** Cortes, Vargas, Carroll.

| Athletics | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jump, L, 3-6 | 4.2 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 83 | 4.42 |
| Tur | 0.2 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 47.25 |
| Juenger | 2.1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 45 | 8.31 |
| Cortes | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.00 |

| Arizona | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelly, W, 8-8 | 5.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 87 | 5.12 |
| Carrillo | 2.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 4.50 |
| Loáisiga | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2.02 |
| Vargas | 1.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 18.00 |

**T:** 3:01. **A:** 19,343 (48,359).

## Rays 4, Blue Jays 2

| Tampa Bay | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Díaz dh | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .308 |
| Aranda 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .286 |
| Caminero 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .290 |
| Mullins cf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .201 |
| Simpson lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .291 |
| Mesa rf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .231 |
| Walls ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .224 |
| Palacios 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .233 |
| Williamson ph-2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .256 |
| Feduccia c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .227 |
| Fortes ph-c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .268 |
| **Totals** | **31** | **4** | **8** | **4** | **4** | **9** | |

| Toronto | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clement 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .297 |
| Lukes rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .286 |
| Guerrero 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .256 |
| Springer dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .225 |
| Piñango lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .270 |
| Straw ph-lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .222 |
| Urías ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .267 |
| Kirk c | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .218 |
| Varsho cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .237 |
| Keys 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .167 |
| Okamoto ph-3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .226 |
| Giménez ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .224 |
| **Totals** | **31** | **2** | **4** | **2** | **1** | **8** | |

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| **Tampa Bay** | **010 003 000 —** | **4** | **8** | **1** |
| **Toronto** | **100 000 100 —** | **2** | **4** | **1** |

**E:** Mesa (2), Varsho (2). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 3. **2B:** Walls (14), Guerrero (16). **HR:** Kirk (3), off Booser. **RBIs:** Mesa 2 (17), Simpson (19), Williamson (24), Springer (26), Kirk (11). **SB:** Simpson 2 (26), Mesa (4). **CS:** Mullins (7), Mesa (3). **SF:** Simpson. **RISP:** Tampa Bay 4 for 8; Toronto 0 for 3. **DP:** Toronto 2 (Kirk, Clement, Kirk; Giménez, Guerrero).

| Tampa Bay | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jax, W, 6-7 | 6.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 83 | 3.89 |
| Booser, H, 5 | 0.2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 1.74 |
| Kelly, H, 20 | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 2.27 |
| Baker, S, 26-29 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1.64 |

| Toronto | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fisher | 1.1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 3.73 |
| Miles | 3.2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 51 | 3.33 |
| Hoffman, L, 5-7 | 0.2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 4.40 |
| Fluharty | 0.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4.28 |
| Rogers | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 1.58 |
| Little | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 17.61 |
| Varland | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1.06 |

**T:** 2:39. **A:** 42,841 (39,150).

## Braves 7, Padres 6

| San Diego | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tatis rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .286 |
| Rengifo dh | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .223 |
| Machado 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .202 |
| France 1b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .276 |
| Merrill cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .225 |
| Campusano c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .284 |
| Song ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .228 |
| Bogaerts ss | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .222 |
| Cronenworth 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .204 |
| Bowen lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .143 |
| Sheets ph-lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .217 |
| **Totals** | **34** | **6** | **8** | **6** | **6** | **10** | |

| Atlanta | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baldwin c | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .275 |
| Albies 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .262 |
| Olson 1b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | .270 |
| Harris cf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .296 |
| Riley 3b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .216 |
| Yastrzemski dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .226 |
| White ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .220 |
| Smith ph-dh | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .263 |
| Dubón lf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .264 |
| Jarvis ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .308 |
| Hicklen rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .389 |
| **Totals** | **38** | **7** | **14** | **7** | **5** | **10** | |

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| **San Diego** | **000 000 105 —** | **6** | **8** | **0** |
| **Atlanta** | **100 000 06x —** | **7** | **14** | **0** |

**LOB:** San Diego 7, Atlanta 12. **2B:** Cronenworth (5), Dubón (21), Jarvis (4), Hicklen (4). **3B:** Tatis (2). **HR:** Merrill (14), off Fuentes; Rengifo (1), off Iglesias. **RBIs:** Merrill (44), Sheets (41), Tatis 2 (46), Rengifo 2 (22), Harris (60), Jarvis (7), Hicklen (3), Albies (55), Olson (60), Riley (48), Smith (36). **SB:** Cronenworth (4), Bogaerts (13). **RISP:** San Diego 3 for 9; Atlanta 6 for 19. **DP:** Atlanta 1 (Riley, Albies, Olson).

| San Diego | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| King | 6.0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 104 | 3.24 |
| Morejon | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 3.33 |
| Peralta, L, 1-2 | 0.1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 3.02 |
| Vásquez | 0.2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 4.72 |

| Atlanta | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pérez | 4.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 75 | 3.38 |
| Dodd | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 2.15 |
| Fuentes, BS, 1-4 | 2.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 2.59 |
| Lee, W, 5-0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 1.77 |
| Mederos | 0.1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 4.66 |
| Iglesias, S, 20-21 | 0.2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 2.57 |

**T:** 2:49. **A:** 33,766 (41,149).

## Twins 10, Guardians 6

| Minnesota | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Larnach lf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | .294 |
| Martin lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .241 |
| Lee ss-3b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | .254 |
| Clemens 2b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .240 |
| Bell dh | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .251 |
| Lewis 3b-1b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .215 |
| Caratini 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .234 |
| Kreidler ph-ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .236 |
| Roden rf | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .200 |
| Keaschall cf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .261 |
| Jackson c | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .322 |
| **Totals** | **40** | **10** | **11** | **10** | **4** | **9** | |

| Cleveland | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kwan lf | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .245 |
| Ramírez 3b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .242 |
| DeLauter dh | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .287 |
| Rocchio ss | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .275 |
| Bazzana 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | .245 |
| Manzardo 1b | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .216 |
| Schneemann rf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .207 |
| Bailey c | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .201 |
| Halpin cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .218 |
| **Totals** | **40** | **6** | **13** | **6** | **3** | **5** | |

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| **Minnesota** | **102 400 030 —** | **10** | **11** | **0** |
| **Cleveland** | **120 100 011 —** | **6** | **13** | **3** |

**E:** Manzardo (2), Rocchio (9), Ramírez (6). **LOB:** Minnesota 8, Cleveland 10. **2B:** Jackson (4), Clemens (19), Manzardo (9), Rocchio (15). **HR:** Larnach (8), off Cecconi; Lee (15), off Cecconi; Manzardo (11), off Morris. **RBIs:** Larnach 3 (37), Lee 4 (56), Bell 2 (62), Jackson (5), Rocchio (48), Bailey (18), Ramírez 2 (35), Manzardo 2 (32). **SB:** Bazzana (15), Halpin (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 5 (Lewis, Bell, Jackson, Kreidler 2); Cleveland 4 (Bazzana, Ramírez, Schneemann, DeLauter). **RISP:** Minnesota 6 for 15; Cleveland 5 for 11.

| Minnesota | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ober | 4.0 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 89 | 4.56 |
| Funderburk | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 3.95 |
| Adams, W, 2-0 | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 5.16 |
| Morris | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 3.38 |
| Gómez | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 3.55 |

| Cleveland | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cecconi, L, 4-7 | 4.2 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 88 | 4.60 |
| Sabrowski | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 3.38 |
| Aleman | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1.64 |
| Festa | 0.2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 4.57 |
| Dion | 1.1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 5.17 |

**T:** 3:09. **A:** 22,807 (34,788).

## Cardinals 1, Angels 0

| St. Louis | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wetherholt 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .257 |
| Herrera dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .241 |
| Walker rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .289 |
| Burleson 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .279 |
| Velázquez lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .222 |
| Church cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .228 |
| Winn ss | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .240 |
| Fermín cf-lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .256 |
| Jordan 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .253 |
| Crooks c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .169 |
| **Totals** | **29** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **3** | **10** | |

| Los Angeles | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Neto ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .238 |
| Trout cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .234 |
| Schanuel 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .280 |
| Grissom 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .251 |
| Adell dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .241 |
| Siri pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .269 |
| Meckler lf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .311 |
| Peraza 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .240 |
| Lowe rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .207 |
| Heineman c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .175 |
| **Totals** | **32** | **0** | **7** | **0** | **2** | **10** | |

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| **St. Louis** | **000 001 000 —** | **1** | **3** | **0** |
| **Los Angeles** | **000 000 000 —** | **0** | **7** | **0** |

**LOB:** St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 8. **2B:** Neto (21). **HR:** Wetherholt (15), off Detmers. **RBIs:** Wetherholt (40). **SB:** Siri (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 1 (Jordan); Los Angeles 4 (Heineman, Grissom, Lowe 2). **RISP:** St. Louis 0 for 2; Los Angeles 0 for 6. **DP:** St. Louis 2 (Burleson; Wetherholt, Winn, Burleson); Los Angeles 1 (Grissom, Schanuel).

| St. Louis | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dobbins, W, 2-1 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 86 | 3.18 |
| Gastelum, H, 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 6.00 |
| G.Soriano, H, 16 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 3.25 |
| O'Brien, S, 26-31 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 3.67 |

| Los Angeles | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detmers, L, 3-7 | 5.1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 85 | 4.05 |
| Fermin | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2.84 |
| Natera | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 2.45 |
| Farris | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3.59 |
| Yates | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 3.57 |

**T:** 2:32. **A:** 25,187 (45,517).

## Astros 5, Marlins 2

| Miami | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lopez ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .332 |
| Stowers 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .229 |
| Hernández lf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .246 |
| Edwards 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .290 |
| Hicks dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .285 |
| Conine rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .268 |
| Sanoja 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .275 |
| Mack c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .243 |
| Ruiz cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .243 |
| **Totals** | **34** | **2** | **7** | **2** | **2** | **6** | |

| Houston | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peña ss | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .302 |
| Alvarez lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .328 |
| Trammell lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .231 |
| Paredes 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .263 |
| Wade rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .170 |
| Smith rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .210 |
| Diaz dh | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .238 |
| Walker 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .234 |
| Spence cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .200 |
| Allen 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .242 |
| Vázquez c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .210 |
| **Totals** | **32** | **5** | **9** | **5** | **1** | **5** | |

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| **Miami** | **000 200 000 —** | **2** | **7** | **1** |
| **Houston** | **011 000 03x —** | **5** | **9** | **0** |

**E:** Ruiz (2). **LOB:** Miami 7, Houston 4. **2B:** Sanoja (20), Hernández (11). **HR:** Peña (9), off Alcantara; Alvarez (34), off Alcantara; Paredes (14), off Alcantara. **RBIs:** Sanoja (35), Mack (29), Allen (11), Peña (28), Alvarez 2 (77), Paredes (54). **SB:** Hernández (7), Ruiz 2 (22). **CS:** Spence (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 4 (Conine 2, Edwards, Hernández); Houston 0. **RISP:** Miami 1 for 7; Houston 1 for 3.

| Miami | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alcantara, L, 10-6 | 7.0 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 108 | 4.01 |
| Faucher | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 4.89 |

| Houston | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lambert | 6.0 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 89 | 3.03 |
| De Los Santos | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 4.12 |
| Okert, W, 3-1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2.13 |
| Abreu, S, 6-6 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 5.29 |

**T:** 2:30. **A:** 26,099 (41,000).

## Tigers 5, Cubs 1

| Detroit | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| McGonigle ss-3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .282 |
| Dingler c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .271 |
| Keith 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .252 |
| Vierling ph-rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .209 |
| Greene lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .285 |
| Torkelson 1b | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .209 |
| Carpenter dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .207 |
| McKinstry rf-ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .191 |
| Lee 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | .256 |
| Outman cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .155 |
| **Totals** | **35** | **5** | **9** | **5** | **1** | **12** | |

| Chicago | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crow-Armstrong cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .282 |
| Suzuki rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .270 |
| Busch 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .244 |
| Bregman 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .239 |
| Happ lf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .222 |
| Hoerner 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .244 |
| Conforto dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .238 |
| Kelly c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .265 |
| Swanson ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .213 |
| **Totals** | **31** | **1** | **4** | **1** | **1** | **12** | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Detroit** | **010 300 001 —** | **5** | **9** | **1** |
| **Chicago** | **100 000 000 —** | **1** | **4** | **0** |

**E:** Montero (1). **LOB:** Detroit 4, Chicago 5. **2B:** Greene (21), McKinstry (8), Happ (18). **HR:** Torkelson (19), off Rea; Lee (5), off Rea; Suzuki (17), off Montero. **RBIs:** Torkelson (50), Lee 3 (20), McKinstry (20), Suzuki (53). **CS:** McGonigle (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2 (Outman, Keith); Chicago 2 (Hoerner 2). **RISP:** Detroit 1 for 7; Chicago 0 for 2.

| Detroit | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montero, W, 7-5 | 5.1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 81 | 3.14 |
| Sommers, H, 5 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4.50 |
| Anderson, H, 6 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 4.17 |
| Finnegan, H, 12 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 2.40 |
| Jansen | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 4.05 |

| Chicago | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rea, L, 7-7 | 5.0 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 86 | 4.85 |
| Rolison | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 2.54 |
| Hollowell | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 2.25 |
| Thielbar | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 4.20 |
| Ferguson | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 7.11 |

**T:** 2:32. **A:** 40,512 (41,363).

## White Sox 4, Rangers 2

| Chicago | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antonacci lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .278 |
| Grichuk ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .248 |
| Perez lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .147 |
| Murakami 1b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .230 |
| Vargas 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .245 |
| C.Montgomery ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .220 |
| B.Montgomery rf | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .236 |
| Meidroth 2b | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .277 |
| Benintendi dh | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .245 |
| Quero c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .183 |
| Peters cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .285 |
| **Totals** | **33** | **4** | **7** | **4** | **4** | **7** | |

| Texas | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Langford dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .282 |
| Foscue 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .273 |
| Burger 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .237 |
| Nimmo rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .268 |
| Duran 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .267 |
| Cauley cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .273 |
| Díaz c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .250 |
| Osuna lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .264 |
| Lopez ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .313 |
| **Totals** | **31** | **2** | **5** | **1** | **2** | **12** | |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicago** | **010 201 000 —** | **4** | **7** | **2** |
| **Texas** | **010 100 000 —** | **2** | **5** | **0** |

a-struck out for Antonacci in the 9th. **E:** Quero (5), Vargas (6). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Texas 6. **2B:** Duran (19). **HR:** Cauley (1), off Kay. **RBIs:** Meidroth 2 (34), Benintendi 2 (52), Cauley (1). **S:** Lopez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 3 (Peters 3); Texas 3 (Nimmo, Burger, Osuna). **RISP:** Chicago 4 for 8; Texas 1 for 6.

| Chicago | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kay, W, 7-4 | 5.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 79 | 4.21 |
| Hicks, H, 5 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 3.49 |
| Taylor, H, 6 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 28 | 2.63 |
| Hudson, S, 4-6 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 2.08 |

| Texas | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexander | 2.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 2.86 |
| Quantrill, L, 3-3 | 3.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 55 | 4.05 |
| Junis | 1.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 2.92 |
| Ahlstrom | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 5.71 |
| Gray | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 3.44 |
| Latz | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 1.53 |

**T:** 2:42. **A:** 31,127 (40,000).

## Dodgers 9, Phillies 5

| Los Angeles | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ohtani dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .283 |
| Pages cf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .268 |
| Freeman 1b | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .289 |
| Muncy 3b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .262 |
| Betts ss | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .232 |
| Tucker rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .236 |
| Hernández lf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .242 |
| Edman 2b | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .360 |
| Rushing c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| **Totals** | **35** | **9** | **11** | **9** | **4** | **7** | **]** |

| Philadelphia | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turner ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .244 |
| Schwarber dh | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .248 |
| Harper 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .256 |
| Bohm 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .225 |
| Sosa lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .213 |
| Hill cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .246 |
| Rincones ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .173 |
| De La Cruz rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Marsh ph | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .292 |
| Stott 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .251 |
| Marchán c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .102 |
| Realmuto c | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .219 |
| **Totals** | **34** | **5** | **7** | **5** | **3** | **9** | |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Los Angeles** | **001 022 040 —** | **9** | **11** | **0** |
| **Philadelphia** | **200 010 011 —** | **5** | **7** | **0** |

**LOB:** Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 5. **2B:** Freeman 2 (25), Rushing (11), Stott (19). **3B:** Edman (2). **HR:** Rushing (11), off Nola; Muncy (20), off Nola; Bohm (13), off Lauer; De La Cruz (1), off Lauer. **RBIs:** Rushing 3 (33), Muncy 2 (47), Tucker (48), Edman 3 (17), Bohm 3 (53), De La Cruz (1), Realmuto (34). **SB:** Pages 2 (10), Freeman (4). **CS:** Pages (6). **SF:** Tucker. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 2 (Betts, Rushing); Philadelphia 1 (Sosa). **RISP:** Los Angeles 3 for 8; Philadelphia 2 for 5.

| Los Angeles | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lauer, W, 5-5 | 5.1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 91 | 4.83 |
| Stewart, H, 4 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2.19 |
| Dreyer, H, 5 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 2.83 |
| Klein | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 2.75 |
| Henriquez | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 2.41 |

| Philadelphia | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nola, L, 3-8 | 5.1 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 85 | 5.82 |
| Johnson | 0.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 5.87 |
| Mayza | 1.1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 4.00 |
| Kerkering | 0.2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 2.75 |
| McFarlane | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.00 |

**T:** 3:05. **A:** 40,675 (42,901).

## NWSL

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 9 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 24 | 12 |
| **Gotham FC** | **9** | **3** | **3** | **30** | **19** | **10** |
| San Diego | 9 | 5 | 2 | 29 | 23 | 17 |
| Portland | 8 | 5 | 3 | 27 | 25 | 18 |
| Utah Royals FC | 8 | 4 | 3 | 27 | 22 | 16 |
| Kansas City | 8 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 23 | 22 |
| Angel City | 7 | 6 | 1 | 22 | 22 | 14 |
| North Carolina | 6 | 5 | 3 | 21 | 20 | 19 |
| Orlando | 6 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 21 | 21 |
| Denver Summit FC | 5 | 5 | 4 | 19 | 21 | 19 |
| Bay FC | 5 | 6 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 19 |
| Seattle | 5 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 15 | 19 |
| Houston | 4 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 24 |
| Boston Legacy FC | 4 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 23 |
| Chicago | 4 | 11 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 30 |
| Louisville | 2 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 27 |

**NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.**

**Friday**
Bay FC at Houston, 8pm
Chicago at Orlando, 8pm
**Gotham FC** at Portland, 10pm

**Saturday**
Kansas City at Boston Legacy FC, 5pm
Utah Royals FC at North Carolina, 7:45pm

**Sunday**
Seattle at San Diego, 5pm
Denver Summit FC at Washington, 7pm
Louisville at Angel City, 9pm

**Wednesday, July 29**
Louisville at Kansas City, 8pm
Washington at Utah Royals FC, 9pm
**Gotham FC** at Bay FC, 10pm

**Friday, July 31**
Orlando at North Carolina, 8pm

**Saturday, August 1**
Chicago at Louisville, 4pm
Angel City at Kansas City, 6:30pm
**Gotham FC** at Houston, 8pm
Seattle at Bay FC, 8:45pm

**Sunday, August 2**
San Diego at Washington, 4pm
Portland at Utah Royals FC, 7pm
Boston Legacy FC at Denver Summit FC, 9pm

## MLS

| EAST | W | L | D | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nashville | 12 | 1 | 3 | 39 | 33 | 11 |
| Inter Miami CF | 10 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 42 | 30 |
| Chicago | 8 | 5 | 2 | 26 | 29 | 19 |
| New England | 8 | 5 | 2 | 26 | 22 | 18 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 40 | 40 |
| **NYCFC** | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 27 | 22 |
| Charlotte FC | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 26 | 25 |
| **Red Bulls** | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 26 | 35 |
| D.C. United | 4 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 22 | 26 |
| Orlando City | 5 | 9 | 2 | 17 | 27 | 44 |
| Columbus | 4 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 22 | 25 |
| Toronto FC | 3 | 6 | 7 | 16 | 22 | 29 |
| CF Montréal | 4 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 22 | 32 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 26 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 31 |

| WEST | W | L | D | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver | 10 | 3 | 2 | 32 | 37 | 16 |
| San Jose | 10 | 4 | 2 | 32 | 34 | 19 |
| Los Angeles FC | 9 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 30 | 18 |
| Real Salt Lake | 8 | 5 | 2 | 26 | 27 | 22 |
| FC Dallas | 7 | 4 | 5 | 26 | 32 | 24 |
| Seattle FC | 7 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 19 | 19 |
| Houston | 7 | 6 | 2 | 23 | 20 | 24 |
| St Louis City | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 22 | 23 |
| Minn. United | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 19 | 24 |
| LA Galaxy | 5 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 23 | 28 |
| Colorado | 6 | 9 | 1 | 19 | 26 | 24 |
| Portland | 5 | 8 | 3 | 18 | 29 | 31 |
| San Diego FC | 4 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 30 | 28 |
| Austin FC | 4 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 22 | 32 |
| Sporting K.C. | 4 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 18 | 40 |

**Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie**

**Wednesday**
**NYCFC** 2, Columbus 1
Philadelphia 3, **Red Bulls** 1
Cincinnati 4, Vancouver 3
Miami 3, Chicago 2
Toronto FC 0, New England 0
Atlanta 2, Charlotte FC 2
D.C. United 1, Houston 1
Sporting K.C. 2, Minnesota 1
Nashville 1, CF Montréal 0
Austin FC 3, Seattle FC 1
Colorado 1, San Diego FC 0
St Louis City 3, LA Galaxy 1
Los Angeles FC 3, Salt Lake 1
FC Dallas 2, Portland 2
Orlando City 4, San Jose 0

**Saturday**
Charlotte FC at **Red Bulls**, 6:30pm
Chicago at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:15pm
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at New England, 7:30pm
Nashville at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Seattle FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Colorado at St Louis City, 8:30pm
FC Dallas at San Diego FC, 9:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Portland, 10:30pm
LA Galaxy at San Jose, 10:30pm

**Friday, July 31**
Toronto FC at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm

**Saturday, August 1**
Orlando City at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
San Jose at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Nashville at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Columbus at Miami, 7:30pm
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Chicago, 8:30pm
Houston at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
San Diego FC at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Salt Lake at St Louis City, 8:30pm
Austin FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Seattle FC at Portland, 10:30pm

# The POST Line

### MLB

| Favorite | Thursday<br>Money Line | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| GUARDIANS | $120-138 | Twins |
| Rays | $100-121 | BLUE JAYS |
| TIGERS | $163-202 | Royals |
| BRAVES | $186-231 | Padres |
| CARDINALS | $108-131 | Diamondbacks |

Home team in CAPS

### CFL

| Favorite | Thursday<br>PTS (O/U) | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| ROUGHRIDERS | 4.5 (58.5) | Elks |
| | Friday | |
| BLUE BOMBERS | 1.5 (60.5) | Stampeders |
| | Saturday | |
| Argonauts | 3.5 (58.5) | LIONS |
| | Sunday | |
| ALOUETTES | 10.5 (56.5) | Tiger-Cats |

### NFL

| Favorite | Wed. Sept. 9<br>PTS (O/U) | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| SEAHAWKS | 3.5 (44.5) | Patriots |
| | Thur. Sept. 10 | |
| RAMS | 3 (48.5) | 49ers |
| | Sun. Sept. 13 | |
| Cowboys | 2.5 (48.5) | **GIANTS** |
| TITANS | 3 (39.5) | **Jets** |
| LIONS | 7 (48.5) | Saints |
| JAGUARS | 7.5 (40.5) | Browns |
| Bears | 2.5 (44.5) | PANTHERS |
| Bills | 1.5 (45.5) | TEXANS |
| Ravens | 3.5 (49.5) | COLTS |
| BENGALS | 3.5 (50.5) | Buccaneers |
| STEELERS | 3 (42.5) | Falcons |
| CHARGERS | 11.5 (45.5) | Cardinals |
| EAGLES | 5.5 (46.5) | Commanders |
| RAIDERS | 3 (41.5) | Dolphins |
| Packers | 1.5 (44.5) | VIKINGS |
| | Monday | |
| CHIEFS | 2.5 (42.5) | Broncos |

Home Teams In CAPS

## SPORTS SHORTS

### SOCCER: Philly defeats Red Bulls

**Milan Iloski** opened the scoring in the ninth minute, **Indiana Vassilev** and **Neil Pierre** each added a goal, and the Philadelphia Union beat the Red Bulls 3-1 in Chester, Pa., for their first win in more than three months.

The Union (2-10-4), who went into the World Cup break winless in eight straight, got their first win since a 2-1 victory at Montreal on April 11.

**Cade Cowell** got New York on the scoreboard in the 38th minute with the only goal as the Red Bulls (6-6-4) had their four-game unbeaten streak snapped.

### MLB: Dodgers beat Phillies

**Max Muncy** hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning, **Tommy Edman** added to the Dodgers' lead with a bases-clearing triple in the eighth, and Los Angeles beat the Phillies 9-5 in Philadelphia.

● In Atlanta, rookie **Jim Jarvis** drilled a run-scoring double into the right-field corner to give Atlanta the lead in a six-run eighth inning and the Braves survived a ninth-inning scare to beat the Padres 7-6.

● In Toronto, **Griffin Jax** allowed one run in six strong innings and the Rays used a three-run sixth to top the Blue Jays 4-2.

● In Cleveland, **Brooks Lee** hit a three-run homer, and the Twins snapped a four-game losing streak with a 10-6 win over the Guardians.

● In Houston, **Yordan Alvarez** and **Isaac Paredes** hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning to lift the Astros to a 5-2 win over Miami, completing a three-game series sweep.

● In Phoenix, **James McCann** hit his 100th major league home run as part of Arizona's seven-run fifth inning and the Diamondbacks set a season high for runs scored in a 15-5 rout of the Athletics.

● In Anaheim, Calif., **JJ Wetherholt** hit a home run in the sixth and the Cardinals held on for a 1-0 victory over the Angels.

● In Kansas City, Mo., **Salvador Perez** tied the franchise home run record with his 317th career homer to help lift the Royals to a 5-4 victory over the Giants.

### WNBA: Calls made to stop harassment

WNBA Commissioner **Cathy Engelbert** discussed what more can be done to protect players from online harassment during a virtual meeting with the players union executive committee and the union's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

The call Tuesday night came at the union's request. Players have been sharing threats and harassment they've received on social media over the last few weeks.

● In Indianapolis, **Caitlin Clark** had 27 points and 11 assists, **Kelsey Mitchell** added 23 points and the Indiana Fever set a franchise record for points in a game with their 123-88 victory over the Connecticut Sun. **Aliyah Boston** added 22 points for the Fever in what was the third-highest scoring game in league history without overtime.

● In Seattle, **Napheesa Collier** had 24 points and 10 rebounds in her season debut, and the Minnesota Lynx headed into the WNBA All-Star break with the best record in the league after an 86-76 win over the Seattle Storm.

### NFL: Cardinals' Adams arrested

Cardinals offensive lineman **Isaiah Adams** was arrested in Canada recently on four weapons charges. Adams, 25, was one of four people arrested, according to an online release from the Durham Regional Police Service in Ontario.

## TOP PLAY

# Cleveland mound duel low on runs, high in K's

By ERICH RICHTER

An enticing pitching matchup is on tap for Thursday afternoon in Cleveland as Taj Bradley and Gavin Williams face off in a critical divisional matchup ahead of the trade deadline next week.

The Guardians (-138, Polymarket) have opened as moderate favorites against a Twins team (+120) that will need to snag some victories in order to bridge the gap between themselves and the top of the wild-card race.

TAJ BRADLEY

Should the Twins lose this game, it will meaningfully contribute to them being sellers at the deadline, while a win might make them think again. All of this is to say, the Twins need this.

Bradley has been their best or second-best pitcher this season, pitching to a 3.85 ERA and striking out a team-high 10.4 batters per nine innings.

Williams is every bit as good a strikeout pitcher as Bradley, as Williams is striking out 29.9 percent of batters (10.9 Ks per nine innings).

Walks continue to bug both pitchers, though, as Williams has 37 walks issued this season, the 16th most in MLB. Bradley is even worse, walking 43 batters, eighth most.

It's a testament to how electric their pitching repertoires are that they are still among the best in baseball, but a bit unreliable in terms of control.

Still, I'm more bullish on these two on Thursday than I would be normally, as both pitchers love facing these lineups.

Bradley had one of the best starts of his season last time out against the Guardians on July 7, striking out 10 and walking none.

Williams was also excellent against the Twins on July 9, as he struck out a season-high 11 batters, and he has a sparkling 2.88 ERA in his last four starts vs. Minnesota since last year.

As for bets, I prefer to target the Over on strikeouts for both pitchers, assuming the player prop opens at Over/Under 6.5 as it has often for Williams and Bradley.

Given both pitchers' sustained success against these lineups, I'm also targeting no runs in the first inning (+105, Fanatics) and the first-5-inning total runs under, which I project to come in at 4.5 runs.

**THE PLAYS**: Twins-Guardians no runs in the first inning (+105, Fanatics); Under runs for the first five innings; Over strikeouts for both pitchers.

## Pitching Form

| | | (Game time) | 2026 | | | '26 vs OPP | | CAREER | LAST 3 STARTS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | W-L | ERA | *REC | W-L | ERA | vs OPP | W-L | IP | ERA |
| Twins | Bradley (R) | | 9-4 | 3.84 | 12-7 | 1-0 | 1.29 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 19.0 | 3.79 |
| Guardians | Williams (R) | (1:10pm) | 10-5 | 4.00 | 13-7 | 1-1 | 4.85 | 4-3 | 1-1 | 17.2 | 5.09 |
| Rays | Seymour (L) | | 6-2 | 4.79 | 4-3 | 1-0 | 4.50 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 11.2 | 8.49 |
| Blue Jays | Bieber (R) | (3:07pm) | 1-1 | 5.70 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0.00 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 14.2 | 5.52 |
| Royals | Dobnak (R) | | 0-0 | 1.93 | 1-0 | — | — | 2-1 | 0-0 | 4.1 | 2.95 |
| Tigers | Melton (R) | (6:40pm) | 5-1 | 1.80 | 7-2 | 0-0 | 3.00 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 17.1 | 0.52 |
| Padres | Canning (R) | | 1-8 | 6.67 | 2-9 | 0-0 | 54.00 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 12.2 | 5.68 |
| Braves | Sale (L) | (12:15pm) | 10-6 | 2.06 | 11-7 | 0-0 | 0.00 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 15.0 | 1.80 |
| D'Backs | Pfaadt (R) | | 4-1 | 4.58 | 6-1 | 1-0 | 3.38 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 15.2 | 2.30 |
| Cardinals | McGreevy (R) | (5:15pm) | 4-7 | 2.92 | 9-10 | 0-0 | 1.42 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 18.2 | 1.93 |

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

## STITCHES

# No Sale! Padres are bargain

As bad as the Padres have played, they still find themselves in the thick of the wild-card race. San Diego is in Hotlanta. As good as the Bravos have played, they still find themselves a couple of games ahead of the Phillies in the NL East.

The pitching matchup is well ... a mismatch. The Padres' Griffin Canning is 1-8 after losing his past three starts, allowing seven runs on 14 hits over those 11 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings. The Braves' Chris Sale hasn't allowed a run in his past 10 innings, scattering four harmless hits. Yep, this is Mike Tyson vs. Mitch "Blood" Green, but we will take Canning and the road 'dog Padres (+186) for $50.

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Hurricane Sandy. It was a stormy start for Sandy Alcantara. He watched three homers fly out of the park, and the Astros fried the Fish 5-2. A little perspective. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth said the war in Iran has cost the U.S. about $37.5 billion. Your Secretary of Scamdicappers is down just -131 jorgecantus.

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## Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

| | TODAY July 23 | FRI July 24 | SAT July 25 | SUN July 26 | MON July 27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NO GAME | Philadelphia<br>6:45<br>Apple TV<br>660 AM<br>101.9 FM | Philadelphia<br>6:05<br>YES<br>660 AM<br>101.9 FM | Philadelphia<br>7:20<br>NBC/Peacock<br>660 AM<br>101.9 FM | White Sox<br>7:40<br>YES<br>660 AM<br>101.9 FM |
| | NO GAME | Dodgers<br>7:10<br>PIX11<br>880 AM | Dodgers<br>7:15<br>Fox<br>880 AM | Dodgers<br>1:40<br>SNY<br>880 AM | Atlanta<br>7:10<br>SNY<br>880 AM |
| | NO GAME | NO GAME | NO GAME | NO GAME | NO GAME |

| Saturday | | Saturday | | Friday | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FC Charlotte<br>6:30<br>Apple TV | | Chicago Fire<br>7:30<br>Apple TV | | Portland Thorns<br>10:00<br>Prime Video |

## Today's Sports on the Air

| | MLB BASEBALL | |
|---|---|---|
| Noon | Padres at Braves | MLBN |
| 6:30 p.m. | Royals at Tigers | MLBN |
| | **GOLF** | |
| 8 a.m. | LIV Golf League: United Kingdom, 1st Round | FS2 |
| 8:30 a.m. | PGA Tour Champions: ISPS HANDA Senior Open, 1st Round | Golf |
| 4 p.m. | PGA Tour: 3M Open, 1st Round | Golf |
| 4:30 a.m. (Fri.) | LPGA Tour: ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open, 2nd Round | Golf |
| | **MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL** | |
| 7 p.m. | Syracuse Mets at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders | YES |
| | **TBT BASKETBALL** | |
| 7 p.m. | Hall In at Boeheim's Army, 1st Round- Game 2 | FS1 |
| 9 p.m. | The Enchantment at Aftershocks, 1st Round- Game 2 | FS1 |
| | **SOFTBALL** | |
| 9 p.m. | Athletes Unlimited Postseason: Portland vs. Chicago, Play-In | ESPN |
| | **CFL FOOTBALL** | |
| 9 p.m. | Edmonton Elks at Saskatchewan Roughriders | CBSSN |
| | **TENNIS** | |
| 6 a.m. | ATP Kitzbuhel: Early Rounds | Tennis |
| 6 a.m. | ATP Estoril: Early Rounds | Tennis |
| 6 a.m. | WTA Hamburg: Early Rounds | Tennis |
| 6 a.m. | WTA Prague: Early Rounds | Tennis |
| 5 a.m.(Fri.) | ATP Kitzbuhel: Quarterfinals | Tennis |
| 5 a.m.(Fri.) | ATP Estoril: Quarterfinals | Tennis |
| 5 a.m.(Fri.) | WTA Hamburg: Quarterfinals | Tennis |
| 5 a.m.(Fri.) | WTA Prague: Quarterfinals | Tennis |
| | **LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES** | |
| Noon | New England Final | ESPN |
| 1:45 p.m. | Northwest Final | ESPN |
| 3:30 p.m. | Mid-Atlantic Final | ESPN |
| 5:15 p.m. | West Final | ESPN |
| | **HORSE RACING** | |
| 1 p.m. | Saratoga Live | FS2 |
| | **MEN'S RUGBY** | |
| 5:55 a.m. (Fri.) | NRL: Melbourne at South Sydney | FS2 |
| | **CYCLING** | |
| 6 a.m. | UCI: Tour de France, Stage 18 | NBCSN |

## FOOTBALL

### Favorites to win 2026 Heisman Trophy

| PLAYER | ODDS | PLAYER | ODDS |
|---|---|---|---|
| CJ Carr (Notre Dame) | +750 | Darian Mensah (Miami) | 11/1 |
| Arch Manning (Texas) | +750 | Dante Moore (Oregon) | 12/1 |
| Trinidad Chambliss (Ole Miss) | +900 | Josh Hoover (Indiana) | 12/1 |
| Julian Sayin (Ohio State) | 11/1 | Jeremiah Smith (Ohio State) | 12/1 |
| | | Sam Leavitt (LSU) | 16/1 |
| | | Gunner Stockton (Georgia) | 16/1 |
| | | Jayden Maiava (USC) | 25/1 |
| | | Marcel Reed (Texas A&M) | 25/1 |
| | | John Mateer (Oklahoma) | 25/1 |
| | | Bryce Underwood (Michigan) | 35/1 |
| | | Malachi Toney (Miami) | 35/1 |

Arch Manning
Getty Images

## ODDS & ENDS

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**Odds to win conference championship game**

### ACC

| TEAM | ODDS |
|---|---|
| Miami (Fla.) | -140 |
| Louisville | +750 |
| SMU | +750 |
| Clemson | 14/1 |
| Virginia | 18/1 |
| Pittsburgh | 19/1 |
| Virginia Tech | 22/1 |
| NC State | 25/1 |
| Georgia Tech | 35/1 |
| California | 40/1 |
| Florida State | 40/1 |
| Duke | 65/1 |
| Wake Forest | 80/1 |
| Syracuse | 100/1 |
| North Carolina | 100/1 |
| Stanford | 400/1 |
| Boston College | 400/1 |

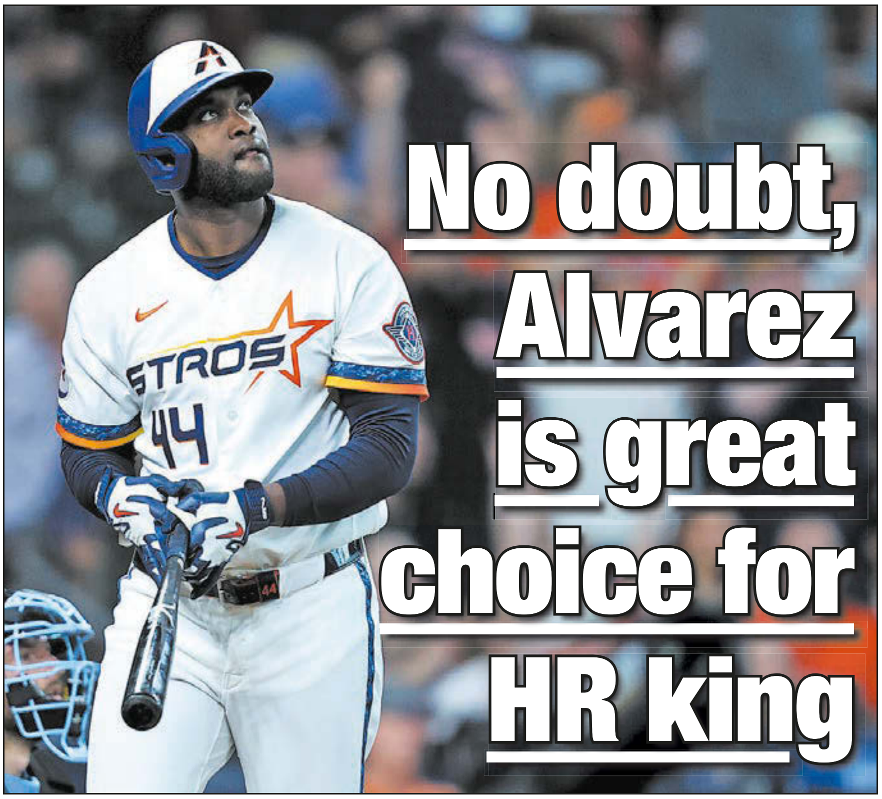
### Big Ten

| TEAM | ODDS |
|---|---|
| Ohio State | +185 |
| Oregon | +270 |
| Indiana | +270 |
| USC | 13/1 |
| Michigan | 15/1 |
| Penn State | 25/1 |
| Washington | 30/1 |
| Iowa | 40/1 |
| Wisconsin | 100/1 |
| Illinois | 125/1 |
| UCLA | 125/1 |
| Minnesota | 150/1 |
| Nebraska | 150/1 |
| Rutgers | 300/1 |
| Michigan State | 400/1 |
| Northwestern | 400/1 |
| Maryland | 400/1 |
| Purdue | 400/1 |

### SEC

| TEAM | ODDS |
|---|---|
| Georgia | +300 |
| Texas | +330 |
| Alabama | +800 |
| LSU | +900 |
| Ole Miss | +900 |
| Texas A&M | +950 |
| Oklahoma | +950 |
| Tennessee | 17/1 |
| Florida | 25/1 |
| Missouri | 35/1 |
| Auburn | 40/1 |
| South Carolina | 45/1 |
| Vanderbilt | 80/1 |
| Mississippi State | 125/1 |
| Kentucky | 125/1 |
| Arkansas | 250/1 |

## BET SMART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# No doubt, Alvarez is great choice for HR king

**INTO ORBIT:** Astros slugger Yordan Alvarez is among the favorites to lead the majors in home runs this season. Malik Smith writes that at +160 odds, he's a better bet than Kyle Schwarber at -125 because of the quality of Alvarez's homers.

By MALIK SMITH

Major league batters are hitting home runs at a ridiculous rate these days.

The number of balls in play per game this season is at the fourth-lowest rate in league history, yet the league is hitting home runs at the sixth-highest rate of all time.

Four players had at least 30 homers as of Wednesday afternoon, but oddsmakers see the race for the most home runs as a two-man competition. Amazingly, that competition doesn't include last season's home run leader, Cal Raleigh, or Aaron Judge, who led all of baseball in homers twice in the past five seasons.

Phillies designated hitter Kyle Schwarber entered play Wednesday with 33 home runs, tied with Astros designated hitter Yordan Alvarez for the most in the majors. Rockies catcher Hunter Goodman had 31, while Ben Rice hit No. 30 in the first game of Wednesday's doubleheader with the Pirates and Junior Caminero rounded out the top five with 29.

Schwarber is the odds-on favorite at bet365 sportsbook with -125 odds to lead the majors in home runs this season.

He has led the National League in home runs twice since joining the Phillies in 2022. He hit 46 in 2022 and 56 last year, edging out Shohei Ohtani by a single home run. But he's never led MLB, in part because his two best seasons coincided with American League players hitting 60 homers — Judge in 2022 and Raleigh last season.

This year could be his best chance to break through, hence the odds, but the competition is still stiff. Oddsmakers may see it as a two-man race, but the difference between the leader and fifth place is just four home runs. There's plenty of season left, which is why now is a good time to take what we already know and see if we can find better value.

Baseball Savant tracks every home run and groups them into three buckets: doubters (home run in one to seven ball parks), mostly gone (home run in eight to 29 parks) and no-doubters (home run in every park). It also tracks expected home runs compared to actual home runs.

Alvarez (+160 at bet365) is the leader in the no-doubter category and the expected home run category, with 21 homers this season that would be out in every ball park and 37.3 expected home runs. Alvarez laps the rest of the field in the category. The next closest players in expected home runs are James Wood (29.7), Schwarber (28.9) and Rice (28.7).

Alvarez's hitting numbers this season are off the charts. Along with being tied for the MLB lead in home runs, he has the best OPS in baseball (1.082) and leads the AL in hits (120), RBIs (75) and average (.326). It doesn't matter what pitchers throw at him, either. Alvarez is slugging .673 on fastballs, .723 on breaking balls and .538 on offspeed pitches, according to Baseball Savant.

Among the best home run hitters, no one is playing as well as Alvarez right now and I'm happy to grab him at plus money with the race dead even.

# Fortescue attacks his first offseason

By MOLLIE WALKER

Before the Rangers drafted Alberts Smits fifth overall last month, Drew Fortescue headlined the club's defensive prospects.

Last season, the Blueshirts were willing to burn a year of Fortescue's entry-level contract to bring the defenseman to Manhattan at the conclusion of his junior season at Boston College in late March — just like they did with his Eagles teammate Gabe Perreault the year before.

Fortescue, who turned 21 shortly after the Rangers season ended, held his own through his first nine NHL games.

The entire experience, however, sent the Pearl River native into the offseason with a plethora of areas he wanted to focus on in his game. And though there is belief Fortescue will start the 2026-27 season in AHL Hartford, the early NHL reps should be enlightening for his continued development.

"I think there's a lot of things I need to get better at," he said during the Rangers prospect development camp earlier this month. "I mean, kind of all over the place. Getting stronger, all the little puck touches, breakouts, and all the passing. Making sure you're putting pucks on guys' tape because there's not a lot of room out there.

"I think the more you play, the more you get used to it. All that stuff I'm trying to work on this summer to try and get better at so I can give myself a chance."

Through 131:13 of five-on-five play, Fortescue was on the ice for eight Rangers goals and four against, according to Natural Stat Trick.

Albeit a significantly smaller sample size, his 66.67 goals-for percentage — which measures the percentage of total goals scored by both teams while Fortescue was on the ice — led the Rangers. Adam Fox wasn't too far behind with a 56.96 goals for percentage at five-on-five.

After pairing up with Matthew Robertson on the third pair in his NHL debut, Fortescue skated on the right of Braden Schneider in his final eight games. As a duo, Fortescue and Schneider finished with a plus-three goal differential in 104:50 of five-on-five play, per Natural Stat Trick.

The Rangers added Sean Durzi and Marcus Pettersson to the defense corps this summer, and are looking much deeper on the back end than they were last season. Fortescue is more on pace for a third-pair role down the line.

**WELCOME TO THE SHOW, KID:** Drew Fortescue got a taste of the NHL last season, playing nine games for the Rangers after completing his junior season at Boston College. USA Today Sports

"It definitely helped me to see what I needed to work on going into this summer," Fortescue said. "It was definitely a really cool experience, and I'm going to hopefully try and lean on that going into camp and try and set myself up the best I can."

As one of many Rangers who train at Prentiss Hockey Performance in Stamford, Conn., Fortescue has soaked up the benefits of being a local this summer.

But there was one thing he wanted to do before attacking his offseason regimen.

Fortescue went back to BC at the conclusion of last season to finish up his junior year classes. He still has one more year left before he can graduate with a bachelor's degree in leadership and management from the university's business school.

"It's pretty important," he said when asked if graduating was a priority. "I think that's why you go to a school like that, to get an education and it's something that I obviously want to get. So, even though I left early, it's still something I'm working toward."

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# FIELD

By MADELINE KENNEY

The flood of emotions hit Makenna Webster like a tidal wave.

Her longtime dream, once unattainable due to the lack of professional women's ice hockey opportunities in the U.S., became a reality.

Webster was surrounded by her family and friends, including both her Ohio State field hockey and ice hockey teammates inside her Columbus, Ohio, apartment when she got the call that would change her life.

The Sirens drafted Webster in the third round (No. 17 overall) in the 2025 PWHL draft.

Webster soon after found herself staring down at what she called "one of the hardest decisions" she ever made.

"Growing up, ice hockey was always the dream, that was my passion," Webster told The Post. "And then later in life, field hockey kind of came around, and more opportunities being on teams with that. I love representing my country and wanting to play for the national team. And the goal is to go to the Olympics."

U.S. women's field hockey coach David Passmore let Webster know he has a lot of belief in her and invited her to join the program as soon as possible. That would mean delaying her PWHL career in pursuit of another major ambition.

For someone who always struck a perfect balance between both sports, Webster now had to choose one to commit to full-time. It was either field hockey and the chance to potentially represent her home country at the 2028 Los Angeles Games, or joining the Sirens, which also meant playing alongside close friend Casey O'Brien.

She picked field hockey.

This summer, though, Webster decided it was time to get back on the ice.

She signed a three-year contract with the Sirens, she exclusively told The Post this week. She'll join a young core featuring Sarah Fillier, Kristýna Kaltounková and Casey O'Brien as New York hopes to make the franchise's first postseason appearance.

# OF DREAMS

## Sirens' Webster tries to balance Olympic hopes with pro future on ice

General manager Pascal Daoust knew there was a risk she'd take time away from the Sirens in pursuit of her dream of making the U.S. field hockey roster for the 2028 Games. But he and the rest of the organization were eager to work with her.

"I won't surprise anyone by talking about her speed and competitiveness that she brings," said Daoust, who gushed about Webster's ability to glide on the ice. "She's a player that, even if you think that you can beat her with deceptions, she's gonna be back in your face. She works hard with the puck, she works out without the puck, she's someone who will always be active on the ice."

Webster is rare as a Painite gem.

Amid a trend in which athletes specialize in one sport at young ages, Webster never limited herself.

Ice and field hockey. Soccer. Track. Basketball. You name it.

"As I got older, I still couldn't decide to play one," she said.

Remarkably, she excelled at ice and field hockey.

Webster initially began her college ice hockey career at the University of Wisconsin. She transferred to Ohio State a year later to become a two-sport athlete. She's a two-time NCAA ice hockey champion with Wisconsin in 2021 and Ohio State in 2024, and a three-time All-American in field hockey. She represented the U.S. in both sports as a teenager.

It's a common misconception that field hockey is just ice hockey on grass. But Webster said the sports are completely different. The stickhandling and dribbling are dissimilar. Sure, she said the hand-eye coordination and quick hands translate to both sports, but the motions and muscles used are different.

At Ohio State, her trainers created a hybrid workout where she could train for both sports simultaneously. She worked on her time management skills to ensure she was pouring as much as she could into every task.

She couldn't do it alone.

"Honestly, it was really my teammates that would keep me going, would help me out if needed with anything," Webster said. "Their support truly allowed me to be successful as well to manage everything. And without them, I wouldn't be able to, wouldn't have been able to do that, do both sports and be successful in both."

Webster spent last year in Charlotte, N.C., training with U.S. field hockey. Though that was her focus, she also coached a local youth hockey team, which allowed her ice time.

Her ice hockey training increased dramatically in recent months when she decided she wanted to play next season with the Sirens.

"I was in Australia having some conversations, and I realized I think taking a step back ... realizing that there's two years until the Olympics, maybe playing one season and trying to go back would be the goal," Webster said. "And let's say if I don't make the national team or don't make the Olympic roster, I'm glad I still played a season of hockey because it would be easier to go back if needed."

Webster is not on the country's FIH World Cup roster for next month's tournament, but she remains an Olympic hopeful and on Passmore's radar.

In the meantime, Daoust is happy to have her and believes she'll fit right in with the Sirens.

"I'm a strong believer in multi-sport development," he said. "When you have the opportunity to work with these athletes, they definitely bring consistency, they bring a DNA of someone who is not only talented but committed to being the best that she can be. ... That's part of [the] culture that you want to bring to an organization."

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**RING CHASER:** Makenna Webster has a future in the PWHL after being selected in the third round of the 2025 draft by the Sirens out of Ohio State. But with a chance to make the U.S. national field hockey team for the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, Webster is trying to balance careers in two sports at the highest level. The Columbus Dispatch (4)

## NYCFC's Freese gets hit with boos

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

It doesn't appear that American soccer fans are ready to forgive Matt Freese just yet, at least those in Columbus.

The U.S. men's national team goalkeeper was booed every time he touched the ball Wednesday in New York City FC's first match back following the World Cup break. NYCFC captured a 2-1 win over the Columbus Crew, but the fans in the Buckeye state jeered Freese for much of the night at ScottsMiracle-Gro Field.

Some fans appeared to still be holding a grudge over Freese's performance in the USMNT's loss to Belgium in the Round of 16 in the World Cup, which included the goalkeeper making a costly mistake that led to Belgium's third goal of the match.

The booing started right from Freese's first touch of the ball in the third minute of the match and Columbus fans appeared to chant "SHAME!" moments later at the NYCFC goalkeeper. The boos reached even louder levels in the sixth minute when Thiago Martins passed the ball back to him.

Later in the first half, the Apple TV broadcast zoomed in on one Columbus fan who was giving him a thumbs-down.

The reception didn't appear to bother Freese much on the pitch, as the New York City FC goalkeeper made three saves against Columbus to help his club win its sixth game of the season.

NYCFC head coach Pascal Jansen said that Freese's performance "speaks for itself" when asked by The Post about the goalkeeper's reception Wednesday night.

"He's not worried about these things. He has to go through it," Jansen said.

"If you look at how he played today, even though they were booing him, because it wasn't just a little bit, it was almost the whole stadium that was booing him," the coach explained. "Trying to get him off his game. But if you look back at how he handled himself, you can only give him a massive compliment for how he presented himself today."

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# GOING HALL IN

## Whitehead excited to be home again for TBT

**BLAST FROM PAST:** Former Seton Hall player Isaiah Whitehead signs autographs at a game during The Basketball Tournament. Whitehead is trying to put together an all-Pirates roster for the Hall In team. Noah K. Murray

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Isaiah Whitehead smiled as he looked around Walsh Gymnasium.

It was good to be home in South Orange, N.J. — and for him, Seton Hall will always be home — even if the result was disappointing.

Whitehead was unable to play Tuesday night in The Basketball Tournament (TBT) — he was sidelined by a wrist injury. The team he helped put together along with sports agent, attorney and Seton Hall alum Ryan Mulvaney, Hall In, was crushed by Syracuse's Boeheim's Army 82-52 in the first game of a three-game series.

But he looked at this as a start, hoping to make this team something Seton Hall alums will be proud of. The winner of the tournament receives a $2 million prize.

"Being here in the summer in Walsh, packed house, there's nothing better as a Pirate," Whitehead, who plans to play in Game 2 at Syracuse on Thursday, told The Post in an interview afterward. "It's great to come back, see familiar faces, see guys that have been here for a long time, or guys that left and came back. It's great to just be around and see the families, still the same faces. Just to know it's still a family, still a brotherhood."

It has been 10 years since Whitehead left Seton Hall and began his professional journey, 10 years since he led the Pirates to their first Big East Tournament crown in 23 seasons and started a run of the program reaching five NCAA Tournaments in six years.

The school still holds a special place in the Brooklyn native's heart.

"The reason it means so much is because I came here to turn the program around, and I succeeded at that. At the same time I fell in love with it," he said. "I came here looking for a family atmosphere, and I got one forever. So I'm grateful for that."

The 6-foot-4 Whitehead, 31, was a big part of that era of Seton Hall basketball under coach Kevin Willard. He arrived with a big reputation — a top 10 recruit and McDonald's All-American from the same Brooklyn neighborhood as Stephon Marbury, Lance Stephenson and Sebastian Telfair. Willard quickly realized he was more than just a talented prospect.

"The greatest attribute that Isaiah had was that he was a fierce competitor," Willard said in a phone interview. "He had some flash to him, but what I loved about him more than anything was that he was such a fierce competitor and hated to lose that he brought that to Seton Hall, and that changed what Seton Hall was after that. It was all about winning for him.

"You never really know a kid's character traits until you get him into your program. I was just shocked that first week. I still remember after workouts, him being in the gym, him dragging other guys into the gym, him wanting to play open gym and him talking about winning. That's what's made him special and that's why he's had a great career."

After his sensational sophomore season, Whitehead left for the NBA draft. If there were name, image and likeness (NIL) benefits for players back then, Whitehead joked, he would've stayed in college for all four seasons. He was taken in the second round of the 2016 draft by the Jazz and traded to his hometown Nets. Willard felt he was on his way to carving out a long NBA career for himself before suffering a major wrist injury in his second season.

Whitehead hasn't thought about that much in recent years. He's loved the career he's forged — a journey that has taken him from Russia, Israel and Montenegro to Germany, Poland and Turkey. He has two children, Zaria, 9, and Zayn, 4, and is in the process of finishing his undergraduate degree.

"I'm grateful, I'm blessed. I can take care of my family, I can live [my life] and do whatever I want to do," he said. "I don't think about it as a failed opportunity. I think of it as a success story. Everybody is handed a different deck. This was meant for me, and that's why I keep pushing and keep striving to be the best dad and the best basketball player I can be."

Whitehead spends 10 months out of the year overseas and now considers himself European. But he has remained locked in on Seton Hall, closely following the team.

Last year, he played in TBT for the first time, joining the Connecticut alumni team, the Stars of Storrs. During that experience, it was suggested to Whitehead by one of the tournament's organizers that he put together a Seton Hall group. He liked the idea. So he got to work assembling a team mostly composed of former Pirates.

Unfortunately, injuries to former teammates like Desi Rodriguez and Angel Delgado prevented them from competing. There are others Whitehead is hoping to reach. He's already working on next year, while hoping to rally Hall In on Thursday at Syracuse.

"We got to rally the troops and put it together," he said. "Our goal is to have an all-Seton Hall roster next year. We're working from today until next year."

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# Stanton's return not 'too far off,' says Boone

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

There remains no known timetable for Giancarlo Stanton, but based on what Aaron Boone is seeing, the return of the designated hitter "shouldn't be too far off."

The Yankees manager wanted to correct the record on Stanton on Tuesday, telling the "Talkin' Yanks" podcast that Stanton is closer to rejoining the club than reports had indicated.

Asked Wednesday, Boone said that the lack of a public and known timeline does not mean Stanton is a great distance away from playing again.

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"I feel like he's moving in a good direction," Boone said before splitting a doubleheader with the Pirates in The Bronx. "I just don't know if [his return is] a couple of weeks from now, a few weeks from now, whatever it is.

"But he is getting much closer to that point."

Stanton has not played since suffering a right calf strain April 24. He appeared on the verge of a return in mid-June, when he had progressed to running the bases, but then felt something in his calf that Brian Cashman later clarified was "a whole new injury," rather than a setback.

Since that point, Stanton has not run the bases, and the Yankees have not offered much detail about when the powerful but oft-injured slugger could return.

In what is probably the most optimistic update yet from Boone, the manager said Stanton "is running, and so I think based on that, it shouldn't be too far off."

➤ **Will Warren**, who had been originally set to start Tuesday's rainout and who was pushed back for the return of **Max Fried**, entered the ninth inning of the nightcap in a save situation, retiring two of four batters and leaving after 16 pitches.

Given that **Spencer Jones** (0-for-3 with a walk in the opener and sent back down after the doubleheader) was the 27th man rather than a pitcher, the Yankees were short in the bullpen and tried to use Warren's throw day to their advantage.

"I want to win games any way possible," said Warren, who handed a two-on, two-out jam to **Tim Hill**, who recorded a dramatic save.

# Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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### ♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

If you committed yourself to something big recently, you may now realize it was the wrong decision. You will get the chance to back out of it today but that release won't come for free. Pay the price, though, because it's worth it.

### ♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

There were times of late when you bit your tongue rather than say things you knew would provoke a negative response, but now you can stop pretending and let others know what you really think of them. There's no need to hold back.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Mercury, your ruling planet, ends its retrograde phase today — and almost immediately you will see things that somehow you missed earlier on. Now that you are thinking straight again, you need to sort out a situation that is costing you money.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Someone who has been emotionally volatile of late will suddenly become calm and reasonable again and although you might find it hard to trust them you should do so because their conversion is genuine. They just lost their mind for a while.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

It may be tempting to confront a friend with evidence of what they've been up to in recent weeks but is that necessary and will it make things better or worse? This is one of those situations where it might be better to pretend you did not notice.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

If you have been living beyond your means over the past month or so that fact will be impossible to ignore between now and the weekend. Accept that you overdid it a bit, or a lot, and look for ways to fill the gap in your budget.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

What looked difficult, maybe even impossible, just a few days ago will now look easy and you will wonder why the solution did not come to you earlier. Whatever the reason, you know what to do now, so do it and don't look back.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

The fact that you find it hard to explain why certain things occurred does not mean they should not have taken place. As one of the zodiac's "fixed" signs you can be a bit tunnel-visioned at times, but today everything will be clear to you.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

A creative or artistic project that appeared to be going nowhere will now pick up and start moving in the right direction. This is not a temporary anomaly but a lasting change, so get your act together and get working on it again.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

A lot of things have been a bit out of sync of late, but now the Sun is moving in your favor again life will start to make sense. That should be helped immensely today by Mercury coming to the end of its retrograde phase.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If you are making social and travel plans for the weekend you would be wise to wait another 24 hours, just to make sure there are no more unexpected delays or diversions. You will be on the move again soon with the people you like best.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

If you find yourself short of cash today it may be because you have been spending more than you realized. Overall it's no big deal but you will have to cut back on your outgoings and maybe even sell a few possessions you no longer need.

### BIRTHDAY THURSDAY

You will start a number of new things over the coming year but if you want them to succeed you will need to upgrade your thinking. Instead of being suspicious of developments in the wider world you must embrace them. Don't get left behind.

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### Thursday

**Today:** Mostly sunny, pleasant and less humid. High 77 to 83.

**Tonight:** A crystal clear sky. Low 62 to 68.

### Friday

**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny. High 79 to 85.

**Tomorrow night:** Clear. Low 63 to 69.

### Saturday

Lots of sun; nice. High 79 to 85.

**Evening**
Mainly clear. Low 64 to 70.

### Sunday

Mostly sunny. High 80 to 86.

**Evening**
Partly cloudy. Low 66 to 72.

## Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

**Temperature**
High: 85, Low: 73, Mean: 79

**Departure from Normal**
Yesterday: +1 degrees

**Precipitation**
Yesterday: 0.00 , Month: 3.69 ,
Year: 21.51 , Normal year to date: 26.88

**Cooling Degree days yesterday** ..............14
**Total for the month (normal)** .......281 (276)
**Total since Jan. 1 (normal)** ...........681 (584)
**Last year to date** ..........................................637
**Heat Index** (at noon yest.) ..................... 85
**UV index** (for Thu.) ............. 10 (Very High)
**Humidity** (at noon) .............................. 58%

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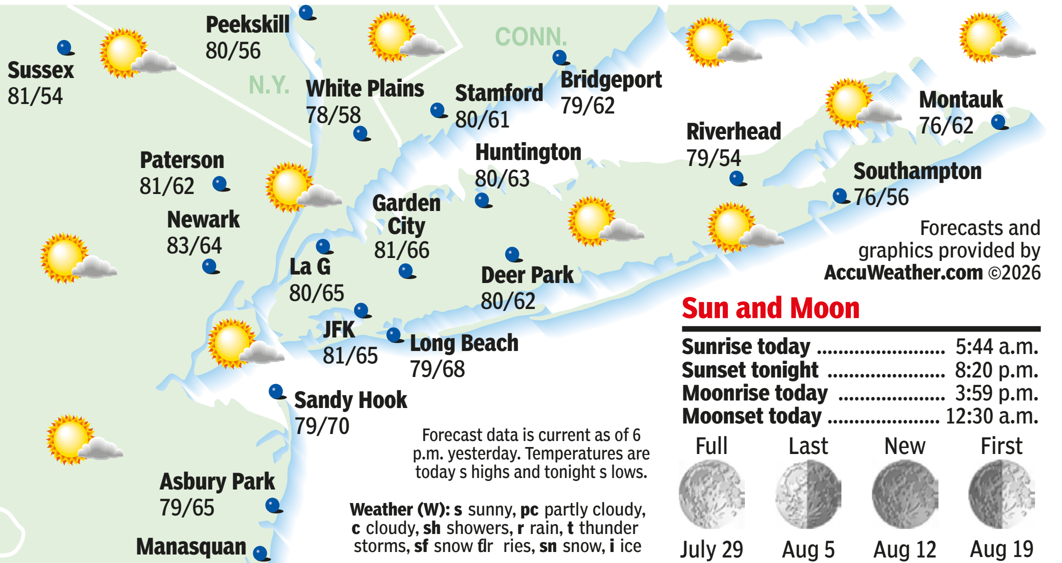
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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today s highs and tonight s lows.

**Weather (W): s** sunny, **pc** partly cloudy, **c** cloudy, **sh** showers, **r** rain, **t** thunder storms, **sf** snow flr ries, **sn** snow, **i** ice

## Sun and Moon

**Sunrise today** ........................ 5:44 a.m.
**Sunset tonight** ........................ 8:20 p.m.
**Moonrise today** ..................... 3:59 p.m.
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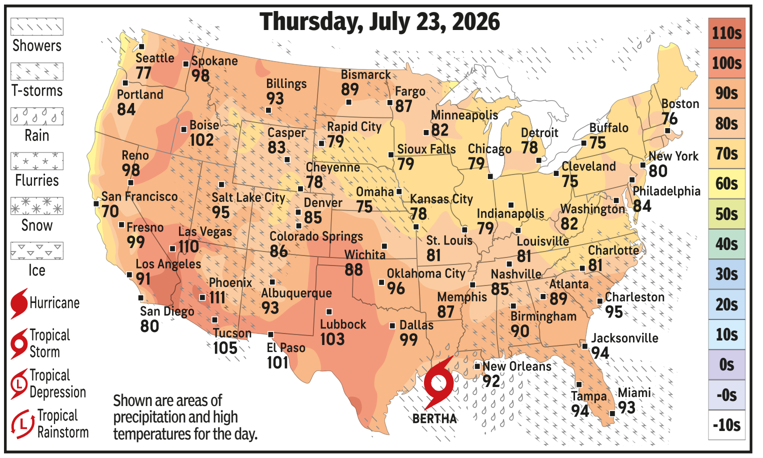
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| **Fire Island** | 3:29a | 4:27p | 4:35a | 5:19p |
| **Hempstead** | 7:51a | 8:09p | 8:54a | 9:08p |
| **Huntington** | 7:27a | 7:47p | 8:29a | 8:44p |
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| **Montauk Point** | 4:54a | 5:31p | 5:54a | 6:25p |
| **Port Washington** | 8:00a | 8:18p | 9:03a | 9:17p |
| **Sandy Hook** | 3:26a | 4:01p | 4:22a | 4:55p |

| Regional cities | TODAY | TOMORROW |
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| **Albany** | 78/54/s | 82/58/s |
| **Danbury** | 78/53/s | 82/56/s |
| **Glens Falls** | 78/50/s | 81/51/s |
| **Gr Barrington** | 77/50/s | 80/54/s |
| **Kingston** | 81/56/s | 84/57/s |
| **Liberty** | 76/50/s | 77/55/s |
| **Monticello** | 76/51/s | 79/53/s |
| **Newburgh** | 81/55/s | 82/57/s |
| **Poughkeepsie** | 79/53/s | 82/55/s |
| **Saratoga Springs** | 79/52/pc | 82/52/s |
| **Stroudsburg** | 81/53/s | 81/58/s |
| **Torrington** | 79/53/s | 82/57/s |
| **Syracuse** | 77/53/pc | 83/58/s |

| World cities | TODAY | TOMORROW |
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| **Athens** | 90/69/s | 85/66/sh |
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| **Berlin** | 70/54/sh | 75/53/pc |
| **Cairo** | 105/79/pc | 98/78/pc |
| **Dublin** | 72/53/pc | 74/57/pc |
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| **Rome** | 90/69/s | 94/66/s |
| **Sydney** | 68/45/s | 63/43/s |
| **Tokyo** | 100/80/r | 93/78/r |

# NFL players pushing for natural fields in wake of World Cup, but decision to switch from artificial turf can come down to greenbacks

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

NFL players are renewing their turf war after seeing pristine grass fields at the World Cup.

MetLife Stadium, the shared home of the Giants and Jets, is one of seven NFL venues beginning the process of returning to its customary synthetic playing surface after temporarily switching to natural grass to comply with FIFA's requirements for hosting soccer games. It has caused an uproar and created the social-media hashtag #WorthTheCost from players who view team owners as choosing profits over safety.

"It's a slap in the face to see these soccer teams get what we've been fighting for," one NFL player told The Post.

A recent NFL Players Association survey returned 92 percent of 1,700 ballots voicing a preference for natural grass over artificial turf.

The NFL combats surveys with science that says the time-loss non-direct contact injuries rate on artificial surfaces (0.43 injuries per 100 player plays) versus grass (0.42 per 100 player plays) has been essentially the same for three straight years, according to NFL chief medical officer Dr. Allen Sills.

"I know the league does its studies and a lot of it has to do with the fact that these facilities are multi-use for concerts and all these other things," ESPN NFL analyst and former Jets offensive tackle Damien Woody told The Post. "But if you want to talk about player safety, I think grass is naturally more forgiving on the players' joints and bodies. Why wouldn't you want the best for your players? That's your No. 1 investment. To me, grass is the way — and has always been the way."

New grass sod fields for NFL stadiums cost between $300,000 and $500,000 and need to be replaced at least once per season — up to 10 times in Miami, where the Dolphins and University of Miami share a field — according to Sportico. Artificial turf costs up to $2 million to install and maintain in some markets — $1.25 million according to the Capital Improvement Board, which operates Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, per ESPN — with a lifespan of 2-5 years, depending on event volume.

The Associated Press estimated in 2022 that it would the NFL about $850,000 per stadium — $500,000 in demolition, new rock underlayment and irrigation, and another $350,000 for lay-and-play sod — to replace 14 league-wide turfs with grass. That's an $11.9 million initial tab — plus the cost for re-sodding, which runs about $250,000 for a field to arrive from a farm in a refrigerated truck and eliminate maintenance costs, per the L.A. Times.

"I've never had any pushback on the cost," NFL field director Nick Pappas told The Post. "I've never had a conversation on either side about it costing too much. I've never heard that cost has been any sort of barrier on making these decisions."

Knowing a World Cup-driven debate was coming, Giants owner John Mara said in 2024 that the type of grass developed for soccer — focused on the bounce of the ball — is different than what is intended for football. He also expressed concerns about grass withstanding Northeast winters, especially when MetLife Stadium traffics twice as many NFL games as all its counterparts except Los Angeles' SoFi Stadium, plus up to 23 concerts per year.

Some of Mara's concerns are rooted in 2000-02, when old Giants Stadium installed grass to accommodate a soccer tenant and "it was not a pretty sight in December and January."

But hasn't technology come a long way in 25 years?

"I want to get to the point where the experts can tell us that late in the season we can have a safe, playable grass field. And when we get to that point, then maybe we'll make the switch," Mara said then. "We're not there yet."

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In the "Not For Long" league, active players don't want to hear "Maybe next year" (or "next decade"). They are trying to apply pressure to force change with a unified rallying cry.

"The temporary installation of natural grass fields for the World Cup is a choice by certain NFL team owners to do for soccer players what they refuse to do for NFL players," the NFLPA said. "It's no longer a question of capability: The technology exists, the expertise exists and the resources exist to install the high-level grass fields that our players overwhelmingly prefer."

Pappas said it is an "apples-to-oranges" situation.

Players have provided feedback after playing NFL games in European soccer cathedrals that synthetic turf is a better option because soccer-designed grass required wearing unfamiliar cleats to gain footing, Pappas said.

League studies show NFL players spend about one hour longer on the field per game and a narrower surface experiences up to three times as much concentrated use from football as for soccer.

Even grassy NFL stadiums swapped out their surface for more soccer-specific grass ahead of the World Cup. FIFA spent millions of dollars on the overhaul.

"It would be a little ignorant to assume that all World Cup fields are acceptable for NFL use," Pappas said. "The big difference for the NFL athlete is traction. We have larger players moving at a different speed in a different way than soccer, where the loads that our players put out to the ground are much more than an average soccer [player] puts out.

"When I hear the players say, 'We want grass' ... I'm also hearing them say they don't like the way the turf feels now. We should deliver as good a quality grass as possible, but we should also improve our synthetic surfaces to where it feels more like grass. Hopefully, we can get to a point where the players say, 'We either want really good grass or a really specific high-level quality turf that we've had input on.'"

Local weather, sun-setting angles and other variables present different challenges for the grass and turf from city to city, but the NFL ideally will move toward a uniform model for both options.

A recent player survey naming preferred fields delivered the opposite results expected by the NFL and caused alterations to the equipment used to measure the field density and body impact.

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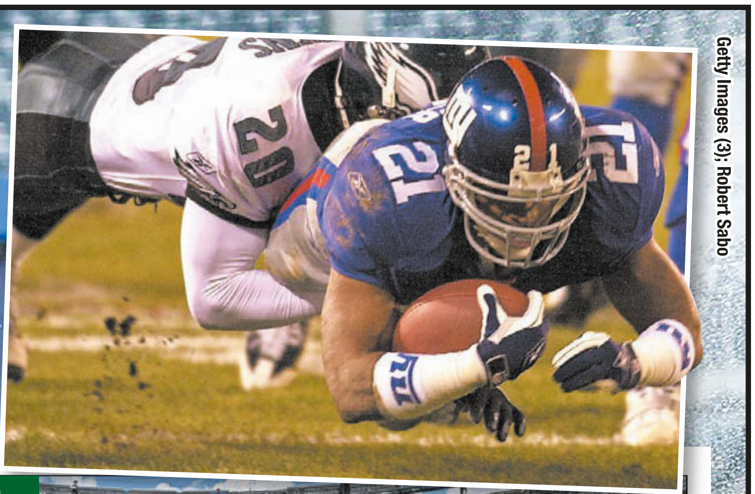
Giants offensive tackle Jermaine Eluemunor wrote on X that "it doesn't matter how cold it gets" because playing on grass "in Green Bay in early December still felt a million times better than turf anytime."



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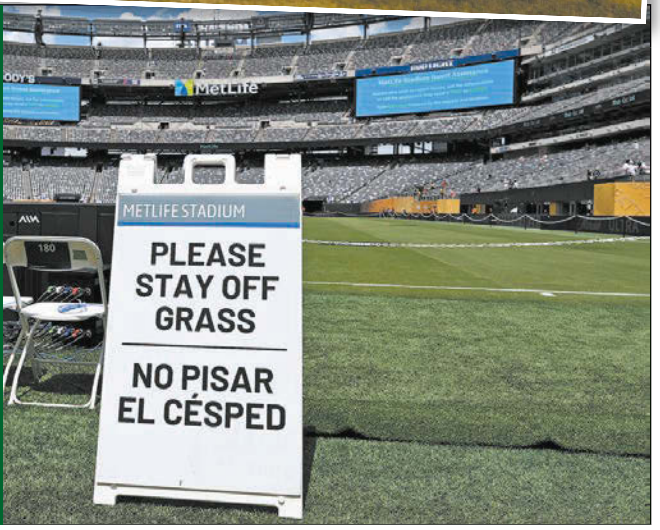
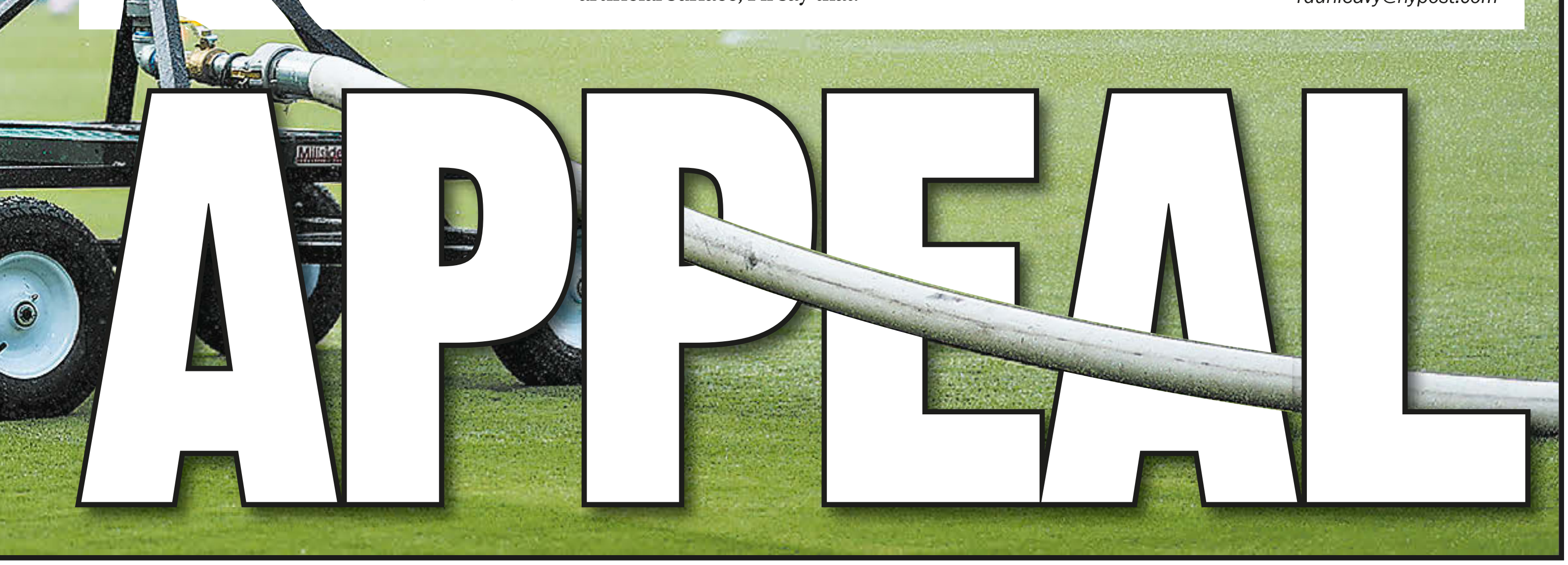


**GREEN WITH ENVY:** NFL players are voicing their desires for teams to keep or convert to natural grass instead of artificial turf — as MetLife Stadium did for the World Cup. Giants Stadium briefly had natural grass in the early 2000s (top right). Players complain the fake stuff can cause more injuries, like the one Malik Nabers (top left) suffered last season.



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"When they say it feels 'harder,' we are recognizing it's not a physical knock-on-concrete hard. It's, 'My knee hurts more, my joints hurt more and the energy coming back to my body may be more than I'm used to on grass,'" Pappas said. "We've gotten to a point where we are able to quantify much more appropriately the players' preference and concern, and now we are looking at adding that into our recipe of standards. That's something we're hoping to bring to the table after this season."

MetLife Stadium's turf — replaced in 2023 — has earned a colloquial reputation among players as particularly injury-causing, though it has consistently tested above NFL standards.

Jets owner Woody Johnson said in 2024 that he and Mara discuss the logistical challenges of a switch to grass "at least once a week."

The new $2 billion western New York stadium could be a flash point in the debate when it becomes the 16th (of 30) NFL venues to use either grass or hybrid grass.

To maintain grass in the winter, the Bills, who played in a stadium nicknamed "The Rockpile" until 1973, installed an underground heating system and grow lights like the systems used in frigid Green Bay and Kansas City — homes of three of the five coldest playoff games in NFL history.

"It's not 1973 anymore," general manager Brandon Beane told USA Today. "No doubt the stats have improved on artificial turf. But you're never going to convince me that something's better than the real grass."

Raiders owner Mark Davis told reporters that grass was a must-have in building Las Vegas' Allegiant Stadium for the "safety issue, No. 1." He deemed the extra cost "worth it."

Packers linebacker Zaire Franklin wrote "the cost of doing nothing is paid for by players' bodies. Make grass mandatory."

Bears quarterback Caleb Williams shared a photo of a FIFA official with a lawnmower, asking "Why can't we have this too?"

Jets running back Breece Hall, who tore his ACL on grass in Denver in 2022, begged for a change.

And so on.

Even Giants head coach John Harbaugh seemed to indicate a preference for grass, though he was trying to avoid a phone call from commissioner Roger Goodell lecturing him on data.

"He's going to get mad at me because I'm probably not going to say what he wants me to say," Harbaugh said. "So that's all I'm going to say. It's a good surface out there. It's a good artificial surface, I'll say that."

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The NFL and NFLPA have a Joint Surface Committee that collaboratively funds research through an annually rising budget, Pappas said. Determining how to split the bill for replacing turf with grass surely would lead to fireworks.

If the issue is still boiling when the NFL pushes to expand an 18-game regular season or when the collective bargaining agreement expires after the 2030 season, the union could choose to use a grass mandate as a bargaining chip. But the hope is more owners want to respond to players' wishes — as they have with other facility issues raised through the controversial annual union-taken anonymous report cards — rather than negotiating for a one-size-fits-all demand across 30 cities.

"That has to be one of the ticket items," Woody said. "Maybe this can be an impetus for change."

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# Sox's streak snapped at 15

By KEN POWTAK

BOSTON —The last time the Red Sox won 15 straight games, Ted Williams was putting together an MVP season in 1946 and leading them to an AL pennant.

Wednesday, the Red Sox matched that streak from 80 years ago, beating the Orioles 6-3 in the opener of a doubleheader. The streak ended hours later when they dropped the nightcap 5-1.

"That was a great ride, a 15-game winning streak," first baseman Willson Contreras in a quiet clubhouse. "There's nothing to be sad about. We have to be happy. We should be proud of what we did and from now keep playing the way we've been playing."

After the loss, interim manager Chad Tracy was ready to speak to the team but saw Contreras and pitcher Sonny Gray talking, so he let those veterans handle it.

"We just won 15 games in a row, and I think all of us knew it was going to end at some point," Tracy said.

After the earlier win, Tracy said he understood the historical significance.

"I've read some stuff. I know Ted Williams was around back then, so I'm aware of the year and how long it's been," he said. "It's cool that they've accomplished something great."

When the afternoon game ended, the Red Sox took a little more time than usual on the field to soak it in as The Standells' song "Dirty Water" played in the background like it does after each victory in Fenway Park. They also enjoyed the moment in the clubhouse.

"Oh, yeah, absolutely between the staff. We were realizing the guys were going crazy in the locker room — they always do — but even more emphasis right now with what we're going through," Tracy said. "Everybody enjoys it for sure."

Boston fired manager Alex Cora after a 10-17 start and seemed to be in for a long season under Tracy. The Red Sox were 37-48 and last in the AL East on July 1 following a 10-2 loss to Washington.

Three weeks went by — a stretch including the All-Star break — before Boston (52-49) lost again.

Tracy is the first manager since the 19th century to lead a team to a win streak of 15 games or more who didn't start the season in the job, according to MLB. — *AP*

# THE LATE SHOW

## Furious 10-1 run in final minute propels Libs to improbable win

**THIS GIRL IS ON FIRE:** Sabrina Ionescu pumps her fist after scoring an and-1 layup with 15.1 seconds left Wednesday night against Chicago. Ionescu, who made the free throw to tie the game at 94, scored nine points in the final minute. Michelle Farsi

By MADELINE KENNEY

Pauline Astier inbounded the ball to a moving Sabrina Ionescu Wednesday. She took one dribble into the corner in front of the Liberty's bench before draining a tough 3-pointer over Sky forward Azura Stevens with 56 seconds left in the fourth.

Jonquel Jones looked at Ionescu in astonishment.

"God dammit, you a dog, man," Jones recalled saying. "That was amazing."

That 3-pointer jump-started the Liberty's 10-1 run over the final minute, propelling New York to a 95-94 win against the Chicago Sky at Barclays Center and ensuring the Liberty enter the All-Star break on a good note.

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| LIBERTY | 95 |
| SKY | 94 |

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Ionescu scored nine of her team-high 29 points in that final minute.

"She literally willed us and carried us at the end," Breanna Stewart said of her partner in crime, Ionescu. "She wanted to do anything she could to kind of get the win and it was great to have Barclays really going nuts again."

The Liberty trailed by eight with 58 seconds left. They knew they had to act fast, and Ionescu understood her assignment.

She was aided by solid screens set by her teammates. New York upped its aggression on defense, too. The combination aided in the Liberty's success.

"I just saw the basket," said Ionescu, who went 3-for-4 from deep in the fourth. "I felt like I was kind of having my 3-point shootout in game."

The Liberty then forced the Sky into a 24-second shot clock violation with 31 seconds left. Astier secured a rebound from a missed Courtney Vandersloot free throw that turned into an Ionescu and-1 layup to tie the game with 15.1 seconds left.

Vandersloot found Kamilla Cardoso, who missed under pressure near the rim. Jones secured the rebound and was fouled with 3.4 seconds left.

Jones hit the first free throw, but missed the second one.

It didn't matter.

Vandersloot's half-court heave was off the mark.

For the second consecutive game, the Liberty overcame a 12-point deficit, executed well down the stretch, made key defensive stops and earned the win.

"It builds character," coach Chris DeMarco said. "If it's a late game and you're down, we have it in us to come back and to execute and get stops when we need to. And again, just a ton of confidence in this team. And Chicago is a good team, they're very good, they have vets, they have scoring, they've lost a lot of close games. ... We knew it was going to be tough, and we just stuck with it."

New York captured back-to-back wins for the first time in more than a month, behind Ionescu's hot hand, another Jonquel Jones double-double (14 points, 10 rebounds) and Stewart's (20 points, nine rebounds) steadiness.

Ionescu's late-game heroics came two days after her overtime takeover in Dallas when she scored 12 points in overtime to help the Liberty end a four-game losing streak.

Jones said she's never surprised by Ionescu's hot shooting.

"But amazed, yes," Jones said. "Definitely amazing."

Ionescu had struggled to find her flow after missing most of the first five weeks of the season with injuries. But she's looked more like herself as of late. She's scored 20 or more points in four of the past five games, averaging 23 points over this stretch.

Ionescu won't be an All-Star for the first time since 2021. But the past two games were just what the Liberty needed to enter this mid-season break in the schedule with some positive vibes.

"For me personally, it was a rough first couple months of the season, especially being out with injury," she said. "It'll be nice knowing I kind of have a clean slate into this All-Star break to start the second half of the season feeling really good, strong and ready to make a really good push."

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# Ionescu bashes 'lies' about WNBA 3-point invite

By JONATHAN LEHMAN

Liberty star Sabrina Ionescu is taking issue with the idea that she declined to participate in the 3-point contest at WNBA All-Star weekend.

"Lies," the Liberty star commented on a since-deleted Instagram post from the B/R W Sports account that showed Ionescu, Caitlin Clark and Kayla McBride along with a headline of "Declined to participate."

Ionescu doubled down when speaking with reporters before Wednesday's 95-94 win against the Chicago Sky. The reigning 3-point champion said she never received an invitation from the league to defend her title.

"I can't decline an offer I never got officially invited to," said Ionescu, who also said no one within her camp had any conversations with the league either. "So was pretty surprised to see that — never got invited. And obviously, whether it's against Steph Curry or in the W, I always go out and try and beat my record every single time I've gone out. So yeah, I mean I just wanted to set the record straight. That was just false. But I'm really excited for the participants in it and obviously there's going to be a new winner, so I'm excited to see who wins."

Ionescu is the all-time record holder for the highest score in the contest, which she set in 2023 with a breathtaking display of 37 points out of a possible 40. She won the contest again last year.

Ionescu isn't sure whether she would've attempted to go back-to-back had she been asked.

"Every year, I kind of weigh out what I'm going to do, what position I'm in, how I'm feeling," she said.

She added that she takes pride in helping push the league forward and growing the game.

"Maybe I'll do it with Steph again at NBA All-Star and get a really nice official invite," she said.

Ionescu was not named to the 2026 All-Star Game — ending a streak of four consecutive berths — after missing 12 games in the first half. She is averaging 13.8 points per game, her lowest figure since 2021.

Clark has yet to appear in a 3-point contest. The Fever phenom was set to make her debut last year when the All-Star weekend was in Indianapolis, but sat out due to injury.

The not-so-star-studded lineup for Friday night's 3-point contest in Chicago features Wings rookie Azzi Fudd alongside the Tempo's Marina Mabrey, Dream's Rhyne Howard, Fire's Bridget Carleton, Storm's Natisha Hiedeman and Valkyries' Janelle Salaün.

*— Additional reporting by Madeline Kenney*

# Fiebich insists she's improving, but still no timetable to return

**MUM'S THE WORD:** Leonie Fiebich goes up for a layup July 3. The wing has been sidelined since injuring herself in that game and declined to share her official diagnosis Wednesday. Getty Images

By MADELINE KENNEY

Liberty wing Leonie Fiebich said she's "not at all" a patient person.

But her tolerance is being tested as each day passes and she's unable to play.

Fiebich has been sidelined since a 99-86 home win over the Minnesota Lynx on July 3 after suffering a left foot injury. She logged 36 minutes in that game but said she "kind of took a bad step" at one point. She had some soreness the next day but still got in the gym to shoot.

However, the soreness didn't go away.

It was severe enough that she underwent an MRI exam and other scans to evaluate the issue. Speaking with reporters Wednesday for the first time since her injury, Fiebich declined to share her official diagnosis.

Regardless, the test results were enough for her and the team to decide it was best for her to rest indefinitely.

"I'm feeling good," she said before the Liberty hosted the Chicago Sky in their final game before the All-Star break. "Making progress, getting better every day."

Fiebich still doesn't have an official timeline to return. The uncertainty of the situation brings into question her status for the German national team in the 2026 FIBA World Cup, which is scheduled for Sept. 4 through Sept. 13.

Fiebich said she was "of course" concerned about whether she'll be available for the World Cup when she tweaked her left foot.

"You don't want to be injured at any stage, right, especially in a World Cup year," she said. "But more so, like, I hate to be on the sidelines as every athlete ... not being able to help the team."

Fiebich declined to answer whether she would be playing through the pain right now had this not been a World Cup year.

She did say, however, that she's being extra cautious given the World Cup.

"With the World Cup coming up, I wouldn't say I prioritize it, but it's a really important tournament for us," she said, "and just making sure I'm going to be healthy going into it."

The Liberty desperately miss Fiebich's length and defensive versatility, especially amid this 1-4 stretch. They're also without Satou Sabally, who has been in concussion protocol for the past month.

New York is 10-4 when Fiebich is on the floor and 4-8 without her.

Seeing the team struggle has heightened Fiebich's urgency to get back on the floor. But she's still not cleared to play.

"Difficult right now for the team, definitely suffering with them a little bit," Fiebich said. "I think the win we got against Dallas was really important, of course, for the standings but also for us mentally as a team. Let's see if we can add on that and just keep the winning going and more so the progress. I would say just of course we want to win games but we want to make progress."

Fiebich said she's taking the recovery process day by day.

"I'm in this facility seven days, seven hours a day, doing everything I can," she said. "... It's just day by day like I could be that I wake up tomorrow I'm really good or I'm in pain or yeah just kind of depends on the day."

The past 2 ½ weeks have been frustrating for Fiebich since most of this is out of her control.

"If I could, I would play right now," she said. "Being extra cautious and careful is something that's really testing my patience. But I mean, I got to do it. There's no way around it."

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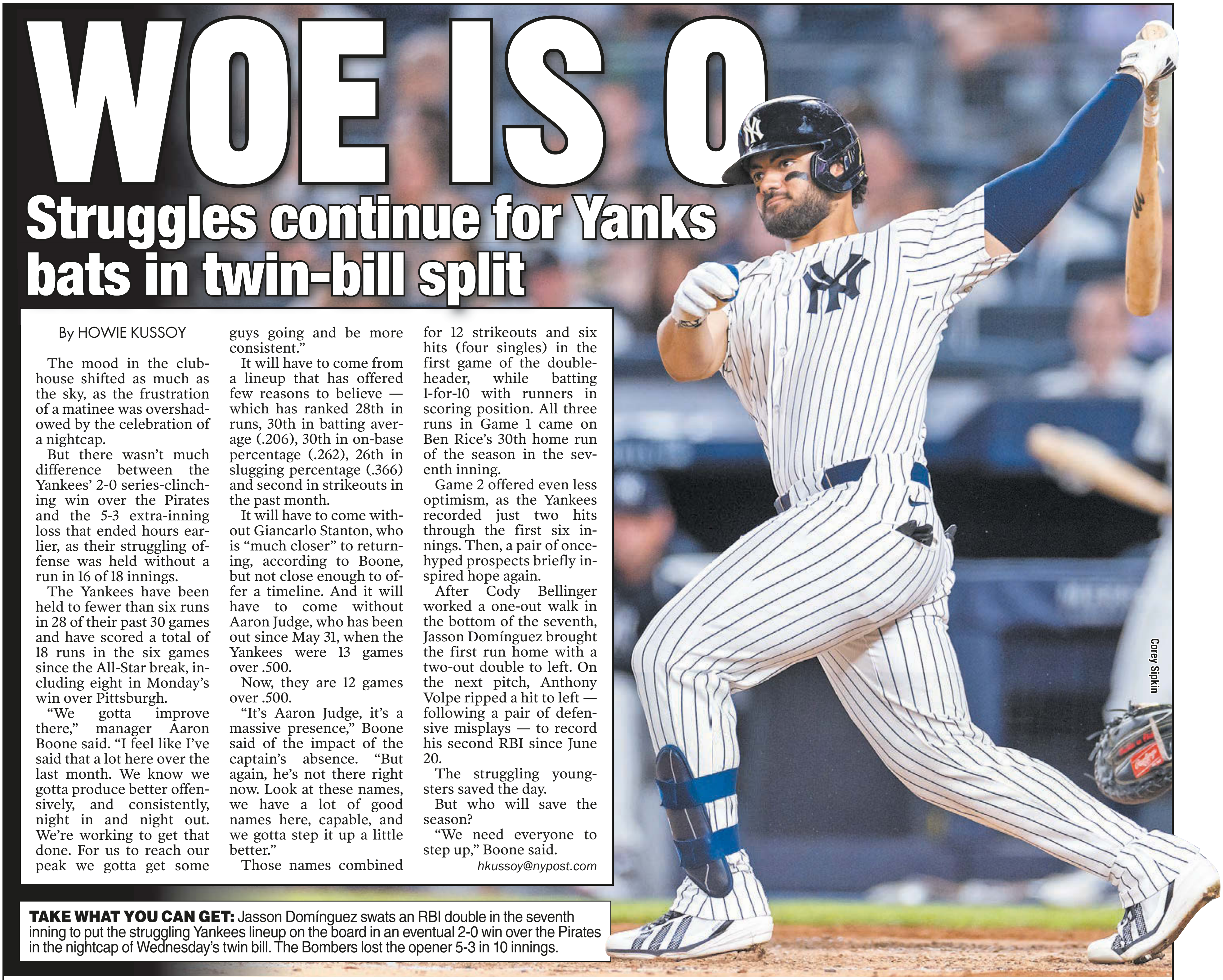
## Struggles continue for Yanks bats in twin-bill split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**TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET:** Jasson Domínguez swats an RBI double in the seventh inning to put the struggling Yankees lineup on the board in an eventual 2-0 win over the Pirates in the nightcap of Wednesday's twin bill. The Bombers lost the opener 5-3 in 10 innings.

By HOWIE KUSSOY

The mood in the clubhouse shifted as much as the sky, as the frustration of a matinee was overshadowed by the celebration of a nightcap.

But there wasn't much difference between the Yankees' 2-0 series-clinching win over the Pirates and the 5-3 extra-inning loss that ended hours earlier, as their struggling offense was held without a run in 16 of 18 innings.

The Yankees have been held to fewer than six runs in 28 of their past 30 games and have scored a total of 18 runs in the six games since the All-Star break, including eight in Monday's win over Pittsburgh.

"We gotta improve there," manager Aaron Boone said. "I feel like I've said that a lot here over the last month. We know we gotta produce better offensively, and consistently, night in and night out. We're working to get that done. For us to reach our peak we gotta get some guys going and be more consistent."

It will have to come from a lineup that has offered few reasons to believe — which has ranked 28th in runs, 30th in batting average (.206), 30th in on-base percentage (.262), 26th in slugging percentage (.366) and second in strikeouts in the past month.

It will have to come without Giancarlo Stanton, who is "much closer" to returning, according to Boone, but not close enough to offer a timeline. And it will have to come without Aaron Judge, who has been out since May 31, when the Yankees were 13 games over .500.

Now, they are 12 games over .500.

"It's Aaron Judge, it's a massive presence," Boone said of the impact of the captain's absence. "But again, he's not there right now. Look at these names, we have a lot of good names here, capable, and we gotta step it up a little better."

Those names combined for 12 strikeouts and six hits (four singles) in the first game of the doubleheader, while batting 1-for-10 with runners in scoring position. All three runs in Game 1 came on Ben Rice's 30th home run of the season in the seventh inning.

Game 2 offered even less optimism, as the Yankees recorded just two hits through the first six innings. Then, a pair of once-hyped prospects briefly inspired hope again.

After Cody Bellinger worked a one-out walk in the bottom of the seventh, Jasson Domínguez brought the first run home with a two-out double to left. On the next pitch, Anthony Volpe ripped a hit to left — following a pair of defensive misplays — to record his second RBI since June 20.

The struggling youngsters saved the day.

But who will save the season?

"We need everyone to step up," Boone said.

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# Blackburn has been on fire out of bullpen

By ZACH BRAZILLER

For weeks, Aaron Boone considered Paul Blackburn a secret.

Despite the right-handed reliever piling up zeroes out of the bullpen, he was going unnoticed.

That's beginning to change.

"About a week ago, 10 days ago, somebody asked me about the job he had done," Boone said after Blackburn delivered two innings of shutout relief to help the Yankees take Game 2 of Wednesday's doubleheader over the Pirates, 2-0, and salvage a split in The Bronx. "It had been about a month-plus of some really good work — whether it be a high-leverage situation, whether it's giving you multiple innings on a given night.

"It's been about six weeks where he's gotten his stuff in a really good place. He's another guy like [Brent] Headrick, you feel good about going through lefties and righties. He's been big for us."

The veteran righty is enjoying a terrific year, pitching to a 2.00 ERA after his latest performance. He has given up just one earned run over his past 14 appearances dating back to June 21 spanning $21\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

After using high-leverage arms David Bednar, Fernando Cruz and Headrick in the opener, Blackburn's two frames were integral to the victory. He inherited a runner on first base in the seventh, and when Jared Triolo stole second and went to third on catcher Ali Sánchez's throwing error, the Pirates were set up to take the lead. But Blackburn struck out Ryan O'Hearn and Marcell Ozuna to escape trouble, and the Yankees broke through in the bottom half of the inning.

The 32-year-old veteran joined the Yankees last year after he was released by the Mets in August. He didn't perform well, but he enjoyed his time in The Bronx and returned on a one-year deal. This year, he has taken off.

"Just when I showed up last year, I didn't know what to expect," Blackburn said. "I walked in, there was a plan for me from day one. It just seemed like they were interested in helping me and getting me back to where they thought I could be."

One major factor: increased velocity. It is up across the board for Blackburn. He is averaging a career-best 94.2 mph on his sinker, up from 92.6 a year ago, and it has made his secondary pitches more effective.

"I had a full offseason this year," Blackburn said. "I focused on little different things I needed to get stronger and [gain] more mobility. Just ran with it."

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# First base Polanco's main goal

By MIKE PUMA

MILWAUKEE — Jorge Polanco still aspires to be the regular Mets first baseman.

To that end, the veteran infielder told The Post before the 4-3 loss to the Brewers on Wednesday that he plans to begin taking grounders next week to build up toward playing the position. Polanco has served almost exclusively as a DH this season in his limited availability due to ankle discomfort.

Polanco said he hasn't worked at first base for several weeks — he had a setback during his minor league rehab assignment and was limited to hitting.

Polanco, who arrived on a two-year contract worth $40 million, was signed under the premise that he would be the team's starting first baseman. He has played only two games at the position.

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But Polanco said he doesn't feel as if he will be learning first base all over again.

"I feel better than when I first started taking ground balls at first base [in spring training]," he said. "When I come back I just have to put the work in and I just want to stay positive that everything is going to work fine."

➤ **Juan Soto** received a day off (and wasn't even considered for pinch hitting, allowing him a full 48 hours between games). Interim manager **Andy Green** cited Soto's recent work schedule, which included representing the National League in last week's All-Star Game. Soto also had calf discomfort in the first game back after the All-Star break.

"It hasn't completely abated at this point in time, but it's not something that is inhibiting him," Green said. "We are getting him right back out there [Friday]."

Polanco started at DH, with **Carson Benge**, **A.J. Ewing** and **Brett Baty** in the outfield. Green said **Luis Robert Jr.** wasn't an option to play a third straight game in the outfield following his return from the injured list.

➤ **Clay Holmes** is scheduled to pitch three innings in a minor league rehab start for Triple-A Syracuse on Thursday at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. It will be the first rehab start for Holmes since he was placed on the injured list in May with a fractured right fibula. He threw 45 pitches in a simulated game Saturday.

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# OFFENSIVE DEFENSE

## Mets can't overcome more poor fielding in loss to Brewers

By MIKE PUMA

MILWAUKEE — Versatility among players is ideal until it undermines preventing runs.

Brett Baty, who has started games at four positions this season, was placed in right field Wednesday — giving the Mets another left-handed bat in the lineup with Juan Soto resting — but at the same time leaving the team vulnerable to what occurred in the second inning.

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Baty got fooled on Joey Ortiz's fly ball that should have been the third out. The ball landed for a two-run triple — another run scored later in the inning — and the Mets were left attempting to play catch-up for the remainder in a 4-3 loss to the Brewers at American Family Field.

"Three runs are on me right there and that is the difference in the game," Baty said. "I felt like I got a good read on it and then got back on the track and it just tailed on me a little bit more. But the play has got to be made."

He was asked if playing so many different positions presents a challenge.

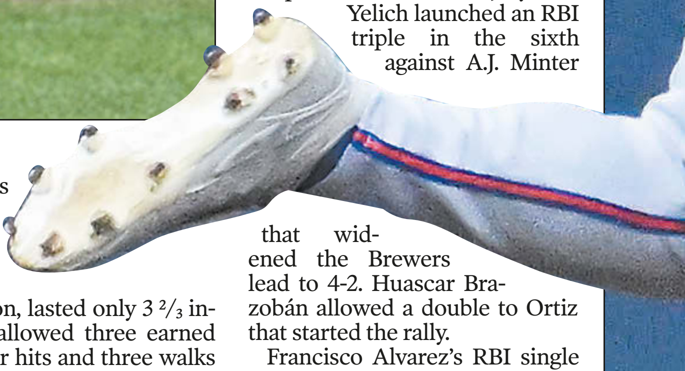
"This is my first time bouncing around like this," Baty said. "I bounced around the infield last year, but I just pride myself on being able to make all the plays in the field, so I am very disappointed in myself there."

Baty contributed offensively with a solo homer, but it wasn't enough on a day the Mets went 1-for-7 with runners in scoring position in losing the series rubber game to complete a 3-3 road trip.

Most of Baty's action this season has been at third and second base with an occasional turn at first. He began playing right field this season and has started seven games at the position.

Interim manager Andy Green was asked about balancing working a bat into the lineup against the potential defensive repercussions. Tyrone Taylor, a right-handed bat, is the superior defensive player.

"You're always trying to balance those two things," Green said. "You have the capacity to unwind it pretty quickly if you get some offense early in the game and we were hoping to do that. It didn't work out the way we wanted to today. [Baty] has played more than respectable right field throughout the course of the year."



Christian Scott, in his shortest start since his initial appearance of the season, lasted only 3 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits and three walks with six strikeouts.

Length remains an issue with Scott, who has failed to complete five innings in four of his past six starts. He was coming off two straight scoreless outings.

"They had a lot of foul balls and fought me pretty well," said Scott, who was removed at 89 pitches.

Marcus Semien's two-out homer in the second gave the Mets their initial run. It was a rare Semien sighting: the veteran second baseman began the day with a .594 OPS and was only 1-for-13 since his removal from the injured list. Semien missed three weeks with a left hip flexor strain.

Baty's misplay in right field helped the Brewers take a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the inning. Scott walked Garrett Mitchell and surrendered a single to Andrew Vaughn, but Ortiz's fly to right should have been the third out. Instead, the ball landed behind Baty and two runs scored. Christian Yelich's ensuing single gave the Brewers their third run.

Baty homered in the fifth to pull the Mets to within 3-2. It was the third homer in eight games for Baty, who began the day with a respectable .729 OPS in July.

Yelich launched an RBI triple in the sixth against A.J. Minter that widened the Brewers lead to 4-2. Huascar Brazobán allowed a double to Ortiz that started the rally.

Francisco Alvarez's RBI single in the ninth made it 4-3.

"You get the opportunity with versatile pieces to get your best lineup out there," Green said. "Preventing runs is important. Trying to balance that out is something every manager and staff does every single day."

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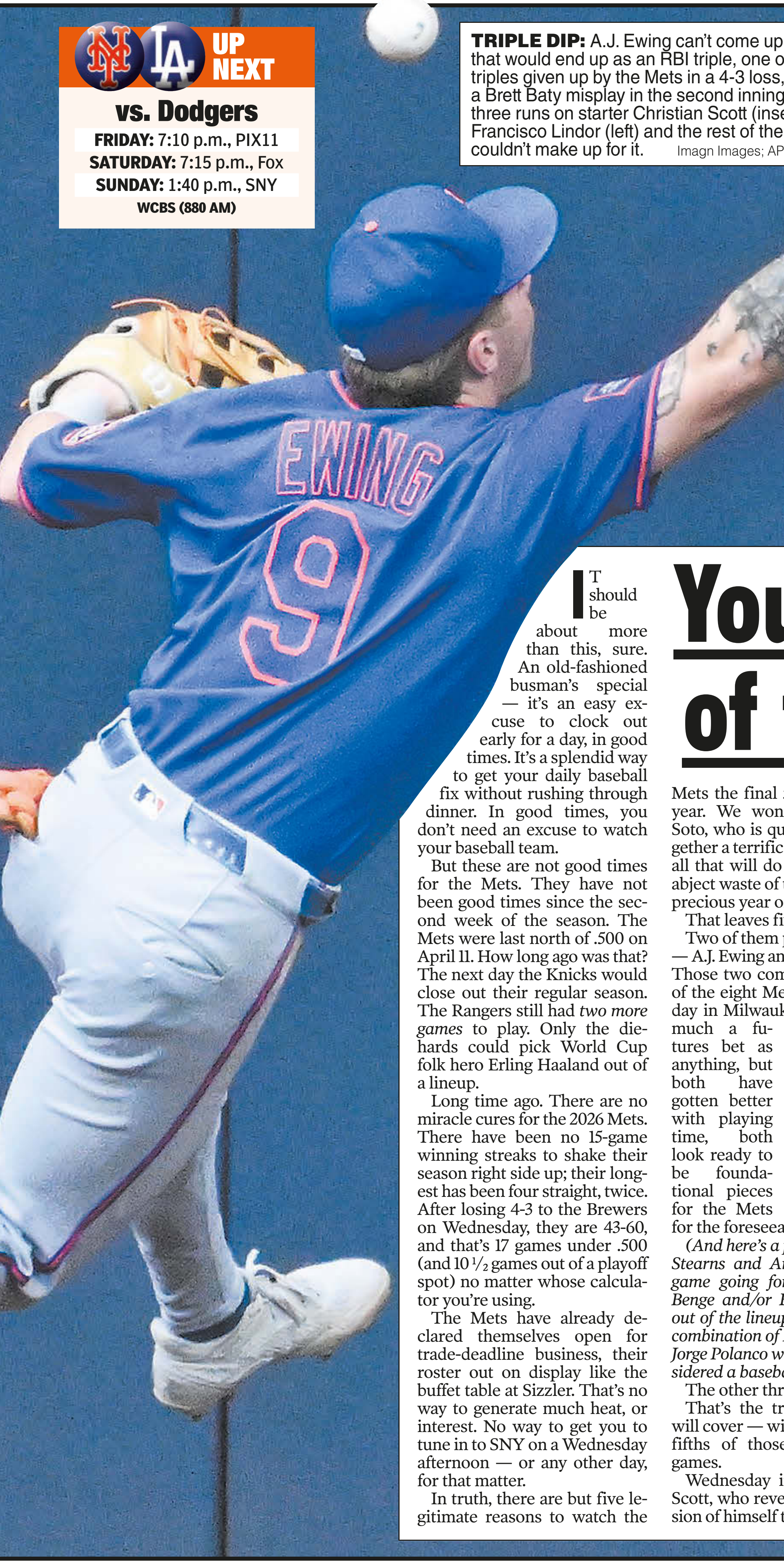

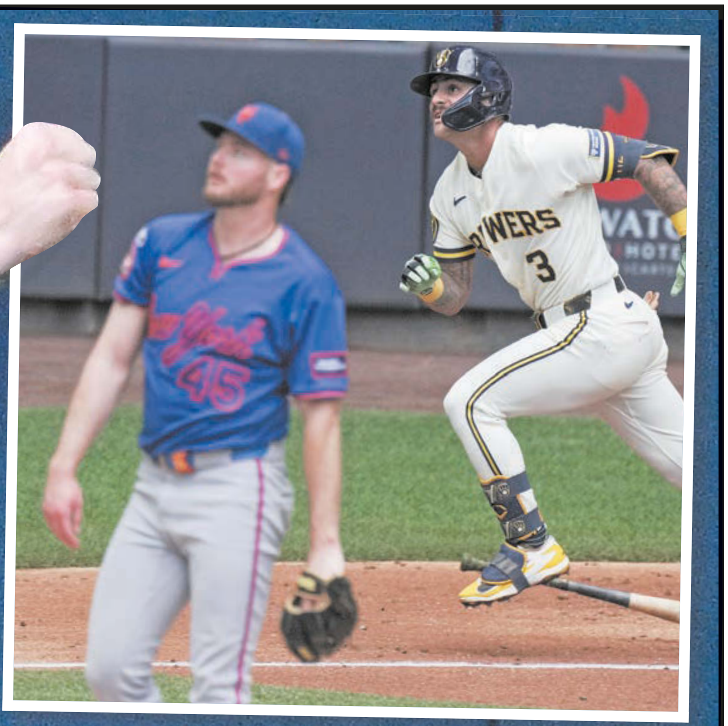

**TRIPLE DIP:** A.J. Ewing can't come up with a ball that would end up as an RBI triple, one of two RBI triples given up by the Mets in a 4-3 loss, including a Brett Baty misplay in the second inning that hung three runs on starter Christian Scott (inset). Francisco Lindor (left) and the rest of the Mets bats couldn't make up for it. Imagn Images; AP; Getty Images

# Young pitchers one of few bright spots

**Mike Vaccaro**

IT should be about more than this, sure. An old-fashioned busman's special — it's an easy excuse to clock out early for a day, in good times. It's a splendid way to get your daily baseball fix without rushing through dinner. In good times, you don't need an excuse to watch your baseball team.

But these are not good times for the Mets. They have not been good times since the second week of the season. The Mets were last north of .500 on April 11. How long ago was that? The next day the Knicks would close out their regular season. The Rangers still had *two more games* to play. Only the diehards could pick World Cup folk hero Erling Haaland out of a lineup.

Long time ago. There are no miracle cures for the 2026 Mets. There have been no 15-game winning streaks to shake their season right side up; their longest has been four straight, twice. After losing 4-3 to the Brewers on Wednesday, they are 43-60, and that's 17 games under .500 (and 10 1/2 games out of a playoff spot) no matter whose calculator you're using.

The Mets have already declared themselves open for trade-deadline business, their roster out on display like the buffet table at Sizzler. That's no way to generate much heat, or interest. No way to get you to tune in to SNY on a Wednesday afternoon — or any other day, for that matter.

In truth, there are but five legitimate reasons to watch the Mets the final 59 games of the year. We won't include Juan Soto, who is quietly putting together a terrific season, because all that will do is reinforce the abject waste of throwing away a precious year of his prime.

That leaves five.

Two of them play the outfield — A.J. Ewing and Carson Benge. Those two combined for three of the eight Mets hits Wednesday in Milwaukee. They are as much a futures bet as anything, but both have gotten better with playing time, both look ready to be foundational pieces for the Mets for the foreseeable future.

*(And here's a pro tip for David Stearns and Andy Green: Any game going forward in which Benge and/or Ewing are taken out of the lineup in favor of any combination of Luis Robert Jr. or Jorge Polanco will hereby be considered a baseball felony.)*

The other three?

That's the trio of kids who will cover — with luck — three-fifths of those remaining 59 games.

Wednesday it was Christian Scott, who reverted to that version of himself that occasionally misplaces the strike zone and can't control his pitch count. Still, after working his way into a first-and-third, nobody-out jam in the second, he should have snaked out of it. He retired two hitters, then Joey Ortiz lofted a fly that should have ended the inning — and kept a zero next to Scott's run total.

Instead Brett Baty — a very good third baseman playing right field because in Stearns' bizarro-world commitment to run prevention, somebody seems to be playing out of position every day — misplayed the ball into a triple. It cost two runs in the moment, a third when Christian Yelich followed with an RBI single. It also cost Scott nine extra pitches, on a day when he could ill afford it, when he needed 89 pitches to register 11 outs.

"It's frustrating," Scott said. "I didn't do a good job getting ahead early and had to fight back into too many counts."

Still, Scott has been a revelation. The Mets are 10-4 in his starts, meaning that in a year when they are playing .375 ball every other game they play, they're .714 when he has the ball. And if an outfielder were playing the outfield Wednesday, that likely would've been 11-3.

Add Scott to Nolan McLean — who after some early-season struggles has been terrific across his past nine starts (2.08 ERA, 60 strikeouts in 52 innings) — and the surprise add of the bunch, lefty Zac Thornton (one earned run in his past 19 innings)?

Maybe this won't turn out to be an up-from-the-farm troika to compare with Tom Seaver/Jerry Koosman/Nolan Ryan once upon a time, or Dwight Gooden/Ron Darling/Sid Fernandez back in the day, or Matt Harvey/Jacob deGrom/Noah Syndergaard of more recent vintage. But for now, they are the best part of this team. For now, if you're a Mets fan, they're all you've got.

For now, you can do the time-tested tribute of trying a new Spahn-and-Sain rhyme.

*Scott, Thornton, McLean*
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Or ...
*Zac, Christian, Nolan*
*And clouds that are swollen ...*

Sure, it needs a little work. But there's plenty of time between now and the next time the Mets will play an important baseball game. We have time to work on it. We have nothing but time.

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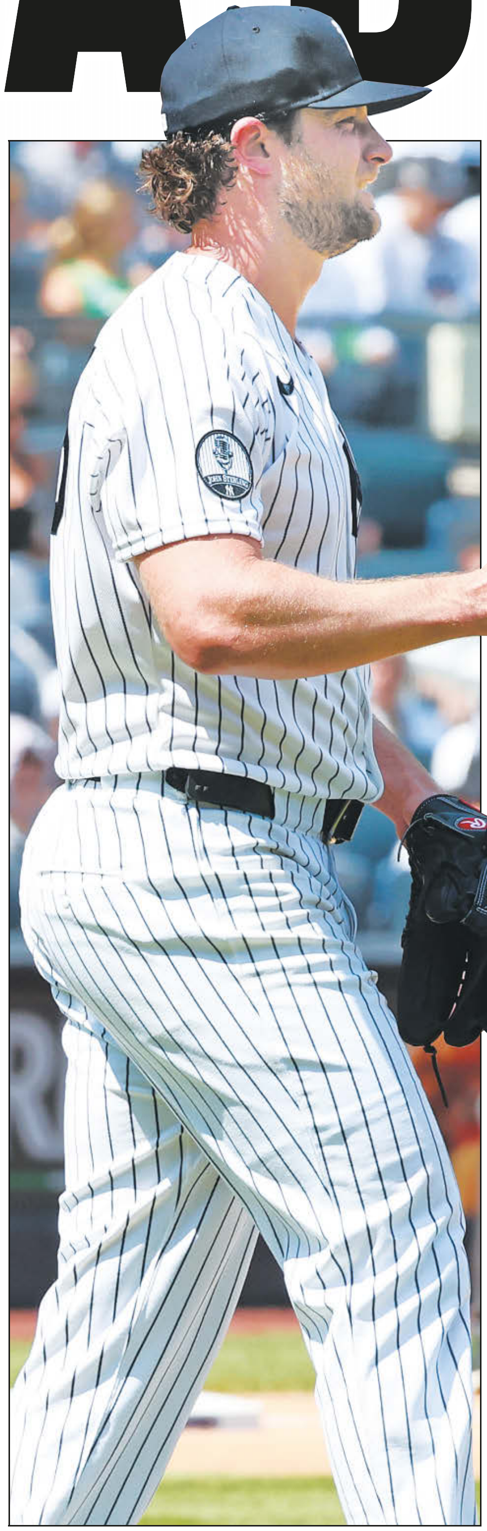
## Fried-Cole combo worth the wait in Bombers doubleheader split



**ACES UP:** Gerrit Cole and Max Fried, the Yankees' $542 million ace duo, appeared in the rotation — on the same day — for the first time since Fried signed in December 2024. Though the Yankees split their doubleheader with the Pirates, Cole and Fried combined to allow three runs over 12 innings with one walk and 18 strikeouts.

Robert Sabo (2)

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

That the Yankees scored in two of 18 frames, performing as if the lineup were cobbled together from whatever Hal Steinbrenner could find in the cushions of his limo, became a footnote.

That is what happened when they could finally unveil a duo who, in their first time pitching alongside each other, demonstrated why they arrived with a combined $542 million price tag.

Together at last, Max Fried and Gerrit Cole were worth the wait, each a different shade of excellent to help the Yankees salvage a doubleheader split Wednesday despite the club's lineup mostly taking the day off.

Fried, a surprise to even be on a major league mound after only one brief rehab start, showed no rust over five efficient, scoreless innings to guide the Yankees to a 2-0 victory in the nightcap after Cole flexed dominant stuff over seven innings in the 5-3, 10-inning loss earlier in the day.

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"Obviously we've been looking forward to that," said Will Warren, a surprise ninth-inning reliever in the nightcap, "and now they're both healthy and ready to rip, so I think you saw a master class today."

Pitching for the first time in over two months, Fried looked both dominant and healthy. He reached back for the fastest pitch of his season (98.5 mph), found a way to record 15 outs with just 57 pitches and mixed in seven distinct types of offerings, six of which yielded at least one whiff while striking out seven.

With notable help from his defense — Cody Bellinger cutting down Nick Gonzales at second base in the first inning and Ryan McMahon putting on a show on the left side of the infield — Fried allowed just one hit in his comeback from an elbow bone bruise.

"This is my favorite thing to do," said the lefty, who had to ask Yankees personnel if they were serious when they wondered during Tuesday's rainout if he wanted to jump back to the majors a day later. "Being out for the last couple of months, it's really tough. But coming out, giving us a chance to win and getting back out there and feeling the energy, it felt normal.

"I'm happy about that."

That his effort came mere hours after Cole's, who showed off maybe the best stuff of his post-surgery career, provided a pretty clear road map for how the Yankees hope to get to and through October. This was a day that had been in the making since Dec. 17, 2024, when the Yankees locked up Fried on a $218 million pact to be the sidekick of Cole and his $324 million mega-deal.

Injuries continually thwarted that vision, from Cole's Tommy John surgery in 2025 to Fried's bone bruise in mid-May this year.

"Better late than never," said Fried, who watched Cole strike out a season-best 11 and miss bat after bat while letting up four hits, two of which left the park to mar his afternoon.

"I missed him all year," Cole said of Fried. "We played keepaway I guess so far this year, and so it's a good day.

"… It's nice that it's finally come to fruition for sure. A little bit too long for both of our tastes."

A combined 84,354 fans in The Bronx saw the Yankees continue their hitting struggles. They went 1-for-10 with runners in scoring position in the opener, only scoring in the seventh with a three-run shot from Ben Rice, before they were held scoreless in the second game until the seventh inning, when a Jasson Domínguez double and Anthony Volpe single scored the only runs they would need. But the day will be remembered — apart from MLB cracking down on José Caballero and his pre-pitch routine during the matinee without bothering to warn the Yankees — for a pitching pair with a combined nine All-Star Games tallying 12 innings in which they let up three runs, five hits and a walk with 18 strikeouts.

"Our whole rotation is unbelievable," Domínguez said of a group that expects to add Carlos Rodón (set to throw a side session Friday) and already boasts Cam Schlittler, who might be the favorite for American League Cy Young and was featured on Fried's postgame shirt.

The rotation they have envisioned is coming into view, anchored by two aces whose timelines are finally merging.

"We have high hopes this year," manager Aaron Boone said as the Yankees (57-45) moved 2.5 games back of the Rays, "and those are two of the big reasons why."

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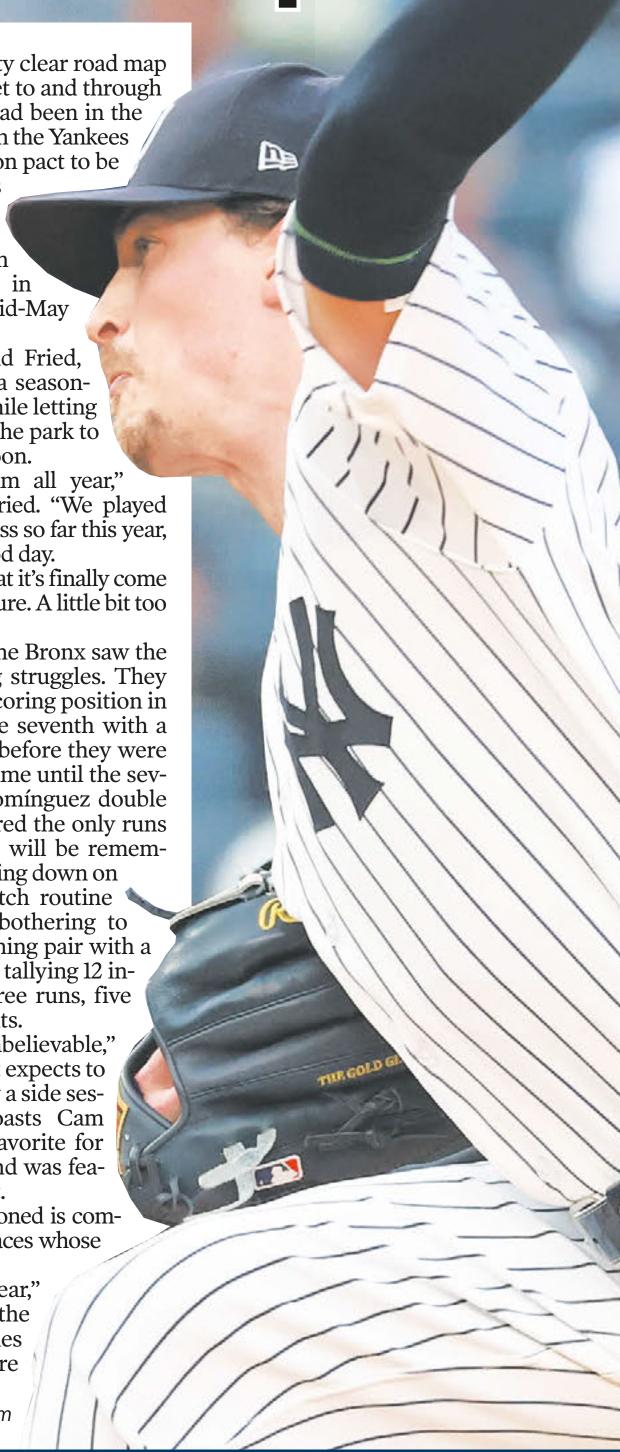

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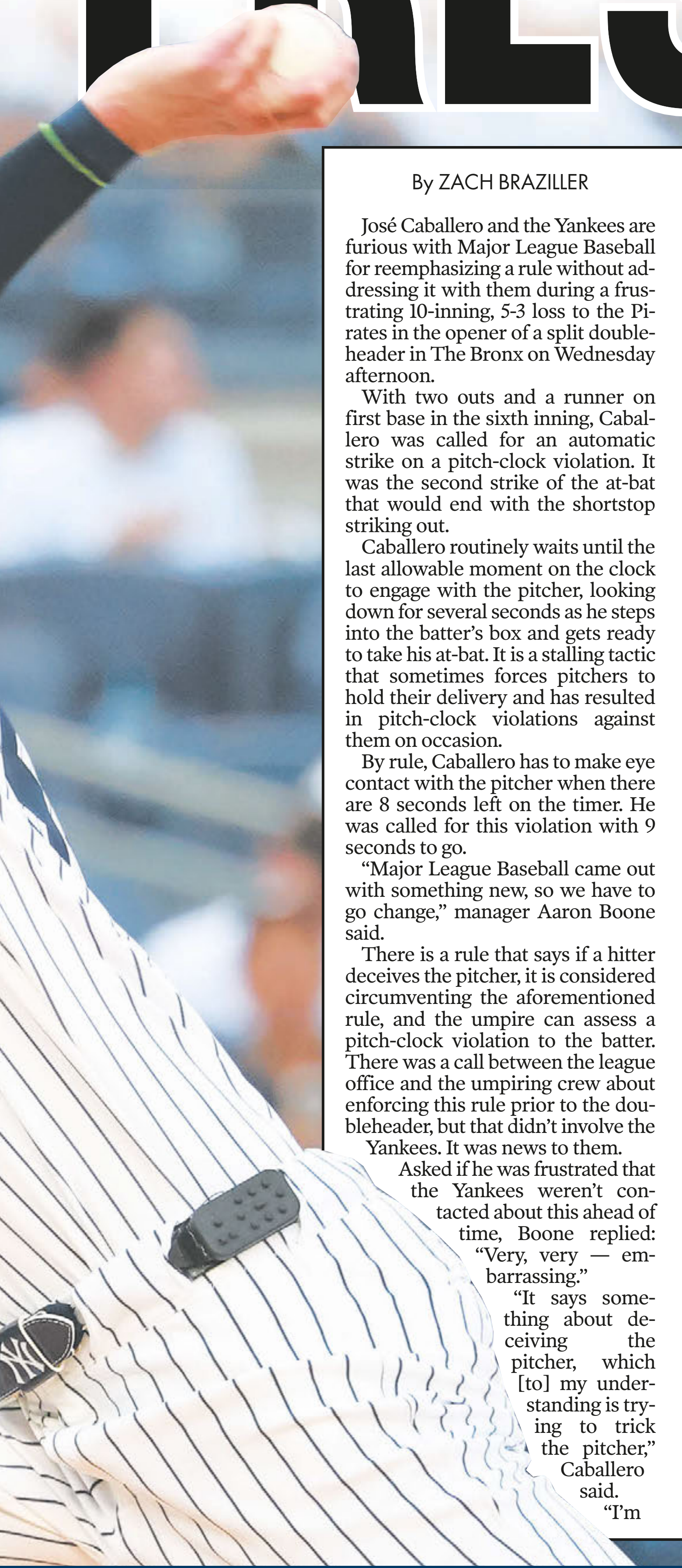
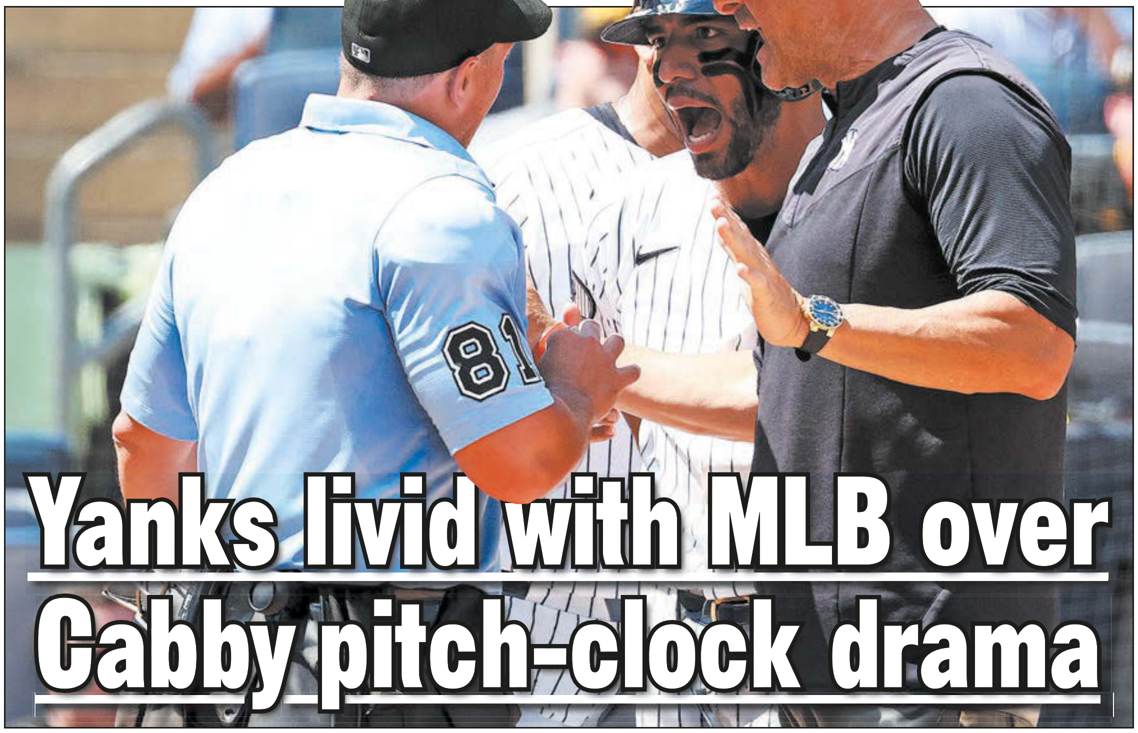


# Yanks livid with MLB over Cabby pitch-clock drama



**A MATTER OF TIME:** Aaron Boone and José Caballero argue with home plate umpire Quinn Wolcott after the shortstop was called for an automatic strike on a pitch-clock violation during the sixth inning of the Yankees' 5-3, 10-inning loss in the first game of a doubleheader. Robert Sabo

By ZACH BRAZILLER

José Caballero and the Yankees are furious with Major League Baseball for reemphasizing a rule without addressing it with them during a frustrating 10-inning, 5-3 loss to the Pirates in the opener of a split doubleheader in The Bronx on Wednesday afternoon.

With two outs and a runner on first base in the sixth inning, Caballero was called for an automatic strike on a pitch-clock violation. It was the second strike of the at-bat that would end with the shortstop striking out.

Caballero routinely waits until the last allowable moment on the clock to engage with the pitcher, looking down for several seconds as he steps into the batter's box and gets ready to take his at-bat. It is a stalling tactic that sometimes forces pitchers to hold their delivery and has resulted in pitch-clock violations against them on occasion.

By rule, Caballero has to make eye contact with the pitcher when there are 8 seconds left on the timer. He was called for this violation with 9 seconds to go.

"Major League Baseball came out with something new, so we have to go change," manager Aaron Boone said.

There is a rule that says if a hitter deceives the pitcher, it is considered circumventing the aforementioned rule, and the umpire can assess a pitch-clock violation to the batter. There was a call between the league office and the umpiring crew about enforcing this rule prior to the doubleheader, but that didn't involve the Yankees. It was news to them.

Asked if he was frustrated that the Yankees weren't contacted about this ahead of time, Boone replied: "Very, very — embarrassing."

"It says something about deceiving the pitcher, which [to] my understanding is trying to trick the pitcher," Caballero said. "I'm not trying to trick anyone."

Caballero wasn't in the lineup for Game 2, replaced at shortstop by Anthony Volpe.

Home plate umpire Quinn Wolcott could be heard on mics telling Caballero, "You don't get to do the 3 or 4 seconds thing in the box anymore," after the two engaged in a conversation after the violation was issued. Caballero responded by telling Wolcott, "you're picking on me," multiple times. Hitting coach James Rowson was ejected shortly after Boone came out to defend Caballero.

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"He's been warned all season," crew chief Adrian Johnson told a pool reporter. "We were instructed not to warn him. We were instructed to violate him. That's what it is. It's a violation.

"It's not allowed anymore. It was the cause of a benches-clearing situation on Monday night. Major League Baseball stepped in. They want it enforced."

On Monday, Caballero and Pirates pitcher Dennis Santana exchanged words related to his pre-pitch antics that led to both benches clearing. At the time, Caballero insisted he's merely taking his time and following his routine.

"If you get frustrated, I'm winning. For me, it's a battle in the box, and I'm trying to win the battle," he said. "If you are not concentrating 100 percent, I think I'm winning."

But now, Caballero is going to have to change his routine. He's not happy about it.

"I've seen other guys do other things and they don't call anything on them," Caballero said. "I can name players I've seen deceiving the pitchers, but they don't call it on them. They just call it on me. Like I said, they're just picking on me."

He later added: "They're the ones who invented this clock thing. They don't know what to do with their rule now."

That wasn't the only call the Yankees objected to. Starting pitcher Gerrit Cole was called for a balk as he attempted to tell the umpires the pitch clock wasn't working. He broke his hands and stepped off at the same time. There was one out at the time, and the balk sent Jake Mangum to second base. Cole was able to get out of the jam.

"They were not aware the clock went off," Cole said. "I was startled that it was off. I was tracking the clock and holding the runner."

The pitch clock caused all kinds of problems Wednesday afternoon for the Yankees.

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## STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

**"The East Palace"** (Netflix) has enough intrigue, stunning cinematography, and committed world-building to hook viewers on the first episode and immerse you in its twisting tale. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

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## WHAT TO WATCH

If you can't get tickets to see **"The Odyssey,"** we've got good news for you: There is another very good movie about **Matt Damon** (left) trying to get home, and it's called **"The Martian"** (streaming on AMC+ and Prime Video). Based on the book of the same name by Andy Weir (aka the guy who wrote **"Project Hail Mary"**), this smart sci-fi film—anchored by Damon's down-to-earth performance—will keep your eyes glued to the screen.

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# REINING HIMSELF IN

## 'The McBee Dynasty' star Steven McBee Jr. says Season 3 is 'bittersweet to watch back'

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Steven McBee Jr. (above, right) stars on "The McBee Dynasty: Real American Cowboys." New episodes air Mondays at 9 p.m. ET on Bravo, with next-day streaming available on Peacock.

By KAREN KEMMERLE AND MACKENZIE ROBBINS

**"The McBee Dynasty: Real American Cowboys"** star Steven McBee Jr. has been on quite a journey the past couple of years. While his father, Steve McBee Sr., is currently serving a 24-month sentence after pleading guilty to crop insurance fraud, Steven and his brothers—Jesse, Cole, and Brayden—have been tasked with running the family's business(es) and dealing with all the complications and responsibilities that come with it.

While the two are no longer together, Steven found himself in a whirlwind romance this season with entrepreneur and content creator Allie Eklund. When asked about this chapter of his life, Steven admits it is "very bittersweet" to watch back. "At the time, I was very, very happy. I thought I'd found the person I was going to be with forever." Despite their very messy public breakup, Steven wishes only the best for his ex. "I still think the world of her and her family," said Steven earnestly.

Prior to his relationship with Eklund, Steven reveals he "did a lot of work" to become more at ease with himself. He adds: "I've really come to an internal peace." However, Steven doesn't feel the need to jump back into a relationship. "I don't need anyone else to find fulfillment," said Steven. "I would love to be with someone who enjoys my lifestyle, but that is not a requirement for me right now."

McBee stopped by the DECIDER studio to briefly discuss the new season, share about the work he's done on himself, and dish on the latest argument between his dad's ex, Galyna Saltkovska, and his dad's current girlfriend, Masha Petrova.

**DECIDER: When we spoke to your brother Cole, he said you are "in the best mental headspace [you've] ever been in." Can you talk about the work you've put into yourself?**

**STEVEN MCBEE JR.**: Yeah, I already did a lot of work on myself prior to anything happening between Allie and me. Obviously, I've taken additional steps since then. I've really come to an internal peace. I know what I like to do; I know how I like to spend my life. I feel happy with myself and what I'm doing with my family. I don't need anyone else to find fulfillment. I would love to be with someone who enjoys my lifestyle, but that is not a requirement for me right now. I'm pouring myself into my family and the businesses.

**Last week's episode featured a very candid chat between you and your soon-to-be sister-in-law Kacie Adkison about the tallow business. She seemed really surprised by your percentage breakdown. Is there anything you would change about that conversation today?**

For sure. I would go about the conversation a lot more respectfully. Because of my prior business experience, I feel like I came across a little bit prideful or arrogant. I did not mean to do that. I wish I had been a bit more humble and more open to her suggestions.

**Can you promise us here and now you will never offer to give a girlfriend of yours a 20% stake in any part of your business again?**

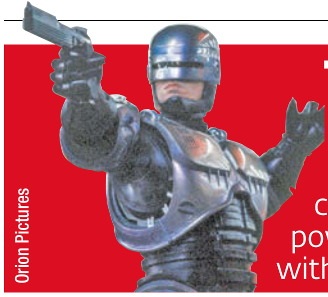
I absolutely promise you that will not be happening ever again.

**I can't let you go without asking about the Russians. Galyna's and Masha's feud seems as intense as ever . Is it possible for them to coexist? How difficult is it for the family to navigate the conflict?**

No, it is not possible for them to coexist [laughs]. We were just laughing about it because they're still getting into fights. You have to go through a third-party mediator to coordinate who gets to visit my dad on the weekends. There was a weekend where both Masha and Galyna showed up at the prison to visit. We thought both of them were going to end up in prison themselves [laughs]. So yeah, there is no way for them to coexist.

**Lastly, what can you tease about what we're going to see the rest of the season?**

There is so much more coming down the line. We're just getting started. I am so excited to see the rest of this season because there's a bunch of surprises ahead. There's one really big trip that I'm excited to see play out.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## TRENDING NOW

Another day, another reboot! Prime Video revealed that they have ordered an eight-episode series iteration of **"Robocop,"** which will follow a "giant tech conglomerate," who "convinces the city to place a powerful robot on its police force – a robot implanted with the consciousness of a beloved, fallen officer."

## WHAT'S NEW

**ON HBO MAX**

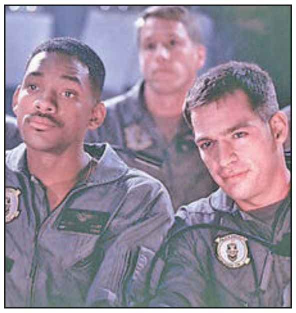
"**Stuart Fails to Save the Universe**," a "**Big Bang Theory**" spinoff series.

**ON NETFLIX**

"**Ransom Canyon**," starring **Josh Duhamel** and **Minka Kelly** (left).

# Best Bets

## What's on Tonight



### ACTION

**Independence Day:** 6 p.m. on FX. Will Smith, Bill Pullman. The aliens are coming to invade Earth. Mankind's best weapon is the will to survive.

### THRILLER

**Bad Boys:** 9:38 p.m. on FX. Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two hip detectives protect a witness to a murder while investigating a case of stolen heroin.

### ROMANCE

**Forrest Gump:** 11 p.m. on USA. Tom Hanks, Sally Field. An Alabama man with an IQ of 75, yearns to be reunited with his childhood sweetheart.

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| Evening | SP | C | F | 6:30pm | 7:00pm | 7:30pm | 8:00pm | 8:30pm | 9:00pm | 9:30pm | 10:00pm | 10:30pm | 11:00pm | 11:30pm |
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| 2 WCBS | 2 | 2 | 2 | CBS Evening News | Inside Edition | Entertainment Tonight | Big Brother | | First Marriage (R) | Ghosts: Soul Custody | (10:01) First Marriage | Ghosts (R) | CBS News 11pm | (11:35) Comics (R) |
| 4 WNBC | 4 | 4 | 4 | NBC Nightly News | News 4 New York at 7 | Access Hollywood | Surviving Earth: When the Continents Collided | | The Americas: The West Coast Fun Fact Edition | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Thirsty (R) | | News 4 New York at 11 | (11:35) Tonight Show |
| 5 WNYW | 5 | 5 | 5 | (6:00) 6 O'Clock News | Extra | TMZ | The 1% Club: A Second Chance at $100k (R) | | Best Medicine: There Might Be Blood (R) | | The 10 O'Clock News | | Good Night New York | Feud Favorites (R) |
| 7 WABC | 7 | 7 | 7 | ABC World News | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune (R) | Celebrity Family Feud: Dave Portnoy & Barstool | | (9:01) Press Your Luck: Big Bass, No Whammies! | | The Greatest Average American: Armchair Legend | | News | (11:35) Kimmel Live |
| 9 WWOR | 9 | 9 | 9 | Family Feud (R) | Family Feud (R) | Family Feud (R) | The News on My 9 | | Dateline: A Brother's Secret | | Family Feud (R) | Family Feud (R) | Dateline: A Murder in Aspen | |
| 11 WPIX | 11 | 11 | 11 | (6:00) PIX11 News at 6 | Seinfeld: The Switch | The Big Bang Theory | Trivial Pursuit: Pop Quiz (R) | | Scrabble: World Series of Words (R) | | PIX11 News at Ten | | New York Nightcap | Seinfeld: Boyfriend, P1 |
| 13 WNET | 13 | 13 | 13 | BBC World News | The PBS News Hour | | Mister Rogers: It's You I Like | | | Rick Steve's Fascism in Europe | | | Amanpour and Company | |
| 21 WLIW | 21 | 21 | 21 | (6:00) News | From Rails to Trails | | NOVA: Chasing Pluto (R) | | A Time in Space (R) | | Bugs That Rule (R) | | BBC News | The Day |
| 25 WNYE | 25 | 22 | 25 | Laura | Great Conversations | | Food. | Potluck | Roots | Feet | Hospitality and Politics | | My World | LBJ Library |
| 31 WPXN | 31 | 3 | 531 | (6:00) FBI | FBI: Safe Room | | FBI: Broken Promises | | FBI: American Dreams | | FBI: Emotional Rescue | | FBI: Never Trust a | |
| 41 WXTV | 41 | 6 | 41 | N Univisi | La rosa de Guadalupe | | Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el | | Guardián de mi Vida | | Corazon de Oro | | Noticias | N Univisio |
| 47 WNJU | 47 | 16 | 12 | Noticias | Operación Triunfo | | | | El Señor de los Cielos | | Lejos de Ti | | Noticiero | Noticias |
| 55 WLNY | 55 | 10 | 10 | Perfect (R) | Last Man | Last Man | News 8pm | | 48 Hours: A Sister's | | Judge Judy | Judge Judy | Neighbor. | Neighbor. |
| A&E | 46 | 46 | 181 | First 48 (R) | The First 48 (R) | | The First 48 | | Officer Cam | | (10:01) Officer Cam | | (11:04) The First 48 (R) | |
| AMC | 54 | 43 | 231 | Rocky III | Rocky IV (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. PG ★★½ | | | | TNA iMPACT! | | | | Lone Survivor (2014) ★★★ | |
| BBCAM | 71 | 101 | 189 | Dundee II | The Princess Bride (1987, Comedy) Cary Elwes. ★★★½ | | | | A Knight's Tale (2001, Adventure) Heath Ledger. PG-13 ★★★ | | | | | |
| BET | 37 | 54 | 270 | (6:40) Family Feud | | (7:50) Celebrity Family Feud | | | Enough (2002, Drama) Jennifer Lopez. PG-13 ★★½ | | | | | |
| BRAVO | 18 | 44 | 185 | Housewives | Real Housewives (R) | | Real Housewives of Orange County | | | Housewives | | (10:45) Real Housewives | | The Valley |
| CNBC | 15 | 24 | 102 | Money | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | |
| CNN | 78 | 25 | 100 | (6:00) Lead | Erin Burnett OutFront | | Anderson Cooper 360° | | The Source with Kaitlan | | CNN NewsNight | | Laura Coates Live | |
| COMEDY | 45 | 50 | 190 | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office: Harassment | | The Office | The Office | Daily Show | Family Guy |
| DISC | 66 | 27 | 120 | Fortunes | Filthy Fortunes (R) | | Filthy Fortunes (R) | | Filthy Fortunes (R) | | Filthy Fortunes (R) | | Filthy Fortunes (R) | |
| DISNEY | 49 | 31 | 250 | Big City | Big City | Big City | Phineas | Phineas | Wizards | Phineas | Phineas | Kiff | Miraculous | Miraculous |
| E! | 24 | 51 | 196 | Bad Moms (2016, Comedy) Mila Kunis. | | | Easy A (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone. PG-13 ★★★ | | | | The House Bunny (2008, Comedy) Anna Faris. ★★½ | | | |
| ESPN | 28 | 36 | 70 | Softball | Banana Ball: Party Animals vs. Indianapolis Clowns | | | | Athletes Unlimited Softball: Teams TBA Live. | | | | SportsCenter | |
| ESPN2 | 29 | 35 | 74 | Sports | WWE | | What Do You Wanna Talk Ab | | | WWE | What Do You Wan | | NFL Live | |
| FBN | 43 | 106 | 117 | Bottom | Kudlow (R) | | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops |
| FNC | 44 | 26 | 118 | Spc. Rpt. | The Ingraham Angle | | Jesse Watters Primetime | | Hannity | | Gutfeld! | | Fox News @ Night | |
| FOOD | 50 | 97 | 164 | Beat Bobby | Beat Bobby | Beat Bobby | Restaurant Impossible | | Ramsay's Secret Service | | Ramsay's Secret Service | | Kitchen Nightmares | |
| FREE | 38 | 49 | 199 | Incredible | (7:20) The Incredibles 2 (2018, Family) Holly Hunter, Craig T. Nelson. PG ★★★½ | | | | | | Project Runway | | The 700 Club (R) | |
| FS1 | 400 | 99 | 83 | Harvick | The Basketball: Regional Round: Game 2 Live. | | | | The Basketball Live. | | | | NHRA Drag Racing | |
| FX | 10 | 40 | 53 | (6:00) Independence Day (1996, Science Fiction) Will Smith. ★★★ | | | | | The Bear | (9:38) Bad Boys (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. R ★★½ | | | | |
| HALL | | 191 | 240 | (6:00) Christmas in Rome (2019) | | | A Merry Scottish Christmas (2023) Lacey Chabert. NR | | | | Golden | Golden | Golden | Golden |
| HGTV | 64 | 98 | 165 | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Extreme Buyers Club | | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters |
| HIST | 40 | 47 | 128 | Secrets (R) | Secrets Declassified (R) | | Secrets Declassified (R) | | Secrets Declassified | | (10:03) Ancient Aliens | | (11:05) Ancient Aliens (R) | |
| ID | 23 | 171 | 123 | Monster | American Monster | | Married to Evil | | A Killer Among Friends | | Lethally Blonde | | The Playboy Murders | |
| LIFE | 62 | 45 | 140 | (6:00) NCIS | NCIS: Recoil | | NCIS: About Face | | NCIS: Judgment, P1 | | NCIS: Judgment, P2 | | (11:03) NCIS: Last Man | |
| MeTV | 33 | 33 | 3 | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | Andy | Andy | Loves Ray. | Loves Ray. | Golden | Golden | Burnett | P. Mason |
| MSG | 27 | 87 | 78 | MSG PM | Knicks Classics | | | | MSG Vault | | | | Knicks Classics | |
| MSG Plus | 48 | 88 | 80 | (6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable. | | | | | | | | | | |
| MSNOW | 14 | 23 | 103 | Ari Melber | The Weeknight | | All in with Chris Hayes | | The Briefing Jen Psaki | | Lawrence O'Donnell | | The 11th Hour with Ali | |
| MTV | 20 | 53 | 210 | Ridiculous | Jersey Shore: Family (R) | | Jersey Shore: Family | | (9:01) Jersey Shore (R) | | Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore (2022) | | | |
| NATGEO | 65 | 162 | 121 | Treasures | Lost Treasures (R) | | Lost Treasures (R) | | Lost Treasures Greece | | Lost Treasures Greece | | The Lost Tomb (R) | |
| NICK | 6 | 121 | 252 | SpongeBob | Sonic the Hedgehog (2020, Adventure) Jim Carrey. PG ★★★ | | | | | Friends | Bang | Bang | Bang | Bang |
| OWN | 173 | 180 | 145 | Family | Funniest Home Videos | | Funniest Home Videos | | School Daze (1988, Comedy) Laurence Fishburne. R ★★ | | | | | First-Time |
| PARMT | 36 | 56 | 54 | (6:00) Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise. PG-13 ★★★½ | | | | | (9:02) Jack Reacher (2012, Crime) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike. PG-13 ★★★ | | | | | |
| SNY | 26 | 60 | 77 | Amazin' | Mets Classics: LFGM Replay. | | | | | | Amazin' | Amazin' | Sports | Sports |
| SYFY | 17 | 48 | 180 | The Exorcist: Believer ★★ | | Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt. PG-13 ★★★ | | | | | | Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018) | | |
| TBS | 8 | 39 | 52 | Bang | Bang | Bang | Bang | Bang | Bang | Bang | Impractical | Jokers (R) | Jokers (R) | Jokers (R) |
| TCM | 82 | 41 | 230 | Mad Love (1935, Horror) Peter Lorre. | | | The Curse of Frankenstein (1957) ★★½ | | | The Mummy (1959) Peter Cushing. ★★★ | | | Curse of the Demon ★★★½ | |
| TLC | 52 | 28 | 139 | 90 Day (R) | 90 Day: Last (R) | | 90 Day: The Last Resort | | Little Singles | | Jay & Pamela | | Baylen Out Loud (R) | |
| TNT | 3 | 37 | 51 | (6:00) Deep Blue Sea (1999, Thriller) R | | | (8:05) Black Adam (2022, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Sarah Shahi. | | | | | (10:50) Deep Blue Sea (1999, Thriller) R | | |
| TVLAND | 85 | 34 | 241 | Andy | Loves Ray. | Loves Ray. | Loves Ray. | Loves Ray. | (9:20) Loves Raymond | | Loves Ray. | Loves Ray. | Queens | Queens |
| USA | 16 | 38 | 50 | (6:00) SVU | Law & Order: SVU | | Forrest Gump (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. PG-13 ★★★★ | | | | | | Forrest Gump (1994) ★★★★ | |
| VH1 | 19 | 52 | 217 | Wife/Kids | Wife/Kids | Wife/Kids | Colombiana (2011, Action) Zoe Saldana. PG-13 ★★½ | | | | Breaking In (2018, Thriller) Gabrielle Union. PG-13 ★★ | | | |
| WE | 59 | 42 | 149 | NCIS: Seek | NCIS: Squall | | NCIS: Chasing Ghosts | | NCIS: Berlin | | NCIS: Revenge | | NCIS: Double Blind | |
| YES | 53 | 89 | 76 | Yankees | Minor League Baseball Live. | | | | | Homegrown | Pinstripe | BK Show | BKFC Rewind | |
| HBO | 511 | 301 | 400 | Dragon (R) | Us (2019, Horror) Lupita Nyong'o. R ★★★½ | | | | The Man Will Burn | | The Man Will Burn (R) | | House of the Dragon (R) | |
| MAX | 531 | 371 | 420 | Kingsman: The Golden Circle (2017) R | | | (7:56) Walk the Line (2005, Drama) Joaquin Phoenix. | | | | (10:12) The Town (2010, Crime) Ben Affleck. R ★★★ | | | |
| MGM Plus | 595 | | 395 | (6:05) Overboard (1987, Comedy) ★★½ | | | Tropic thunder (2008) | | | Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004) ★★★ | | | | Anchorman |
| PARSHO | 551 | 321 | 365 | Baby Driver (2017, Action) Ansel Elgort. | | | The Foreigner (2017, Action) Jackie Chan. R ★★★ | | | | The Chi: Cold Feet | | Fight or Flight (2025) R | |

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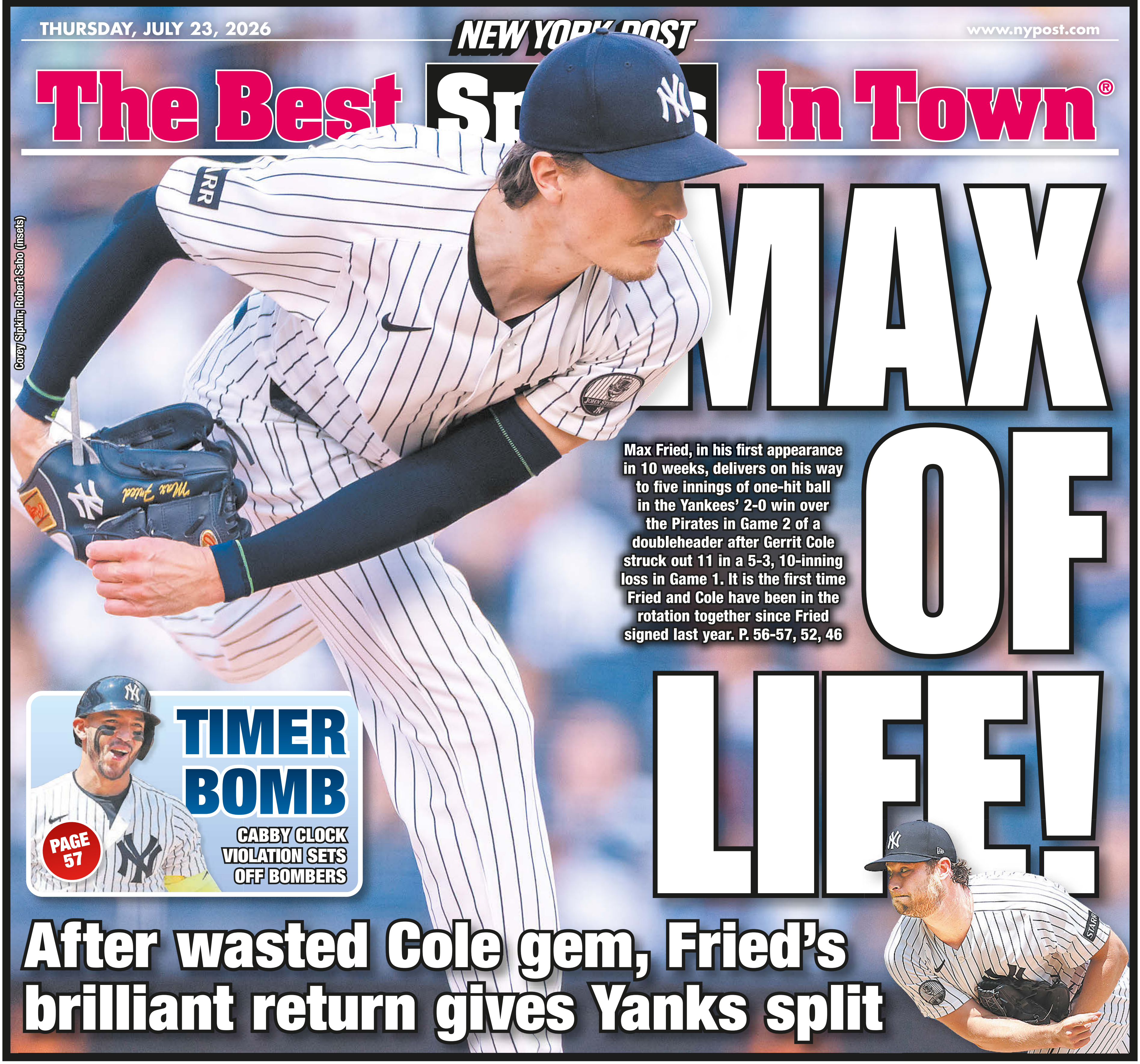

Corey Sipkin; Robert Sabo (insets)

# MAX OF LIFE!

Max Fried, in his first appearance in 10 weeks, delivers on his way to five innings of one-hit ball in the Yankees' 2-0 win over the Pirates in Game 2 of a doubleheader after Gerrit Cole struck out 11 in a 5-3, 10-inning loss in Game 1. It is the first time Fried and Cole have been in the rotation together since Fried signed last year. P. 56-57, 52, 46

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## After wasted Cole gem, Fried's brilliant return gives Yanks split

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